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SYDNEY 2000

Surprise Olympic defeat for Peking bid hailed as 'great victory for sport'

Sydney sinks Manchester Games dream

FROM JOHN GOODBODY IN MONTE CARLO

SPORT scored a remarkable victory over politics last night when the millenium Olympic Games were awarded to Sydney against every expectation. Peking, the short-odds favourites, were beaten into second place with Manchester third.

The decision was announced in Monte Carlo last night after an agonising wait while Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the International Olympic Committee, opened an envelope with the name of the winner inside. "We regret that there is only one winner," Señor Samaranch said, and then



spoke the single word "Sydney". Australian officials leapt in the air and hugged each other, while Chinese delegates stood unmoved and smiled politely.

Yet when the detailed voting figures emerged it was clear that although Manchester did badly on its own account, the city was the kingmaker. Peking led Sydney for the first three rounds of voting, by two, seven and three votes respectively.

Manchester scored much worse than expected, with 11, 13 and 11 votes in the three rounds. But when Manchester dropped out in the fourth round, eight of its 11 votes went to Sydney, enabling the Australian city to win by 45 votes to 43.

So the 2000 Olympic Games go to Sydney despite a huge lobbying campaign on behalf of Peking, not least involving key members of the IOC. However, the signs last night were that the IOC had backed off a potentially explosive clash with the West over China's human rights record.

Sydney's triumph sparked joyous scenes throughout Australia, which last hosted the Olympics in Melbourne in 1956. Millions of people attended all-night parties to while away the time until the announcement early in the morning local time.

The disappointment in the British camp was tempered by relief that the IOC members had backed world opinion by not granting the Games to Peking. Manchester put on a worthy presentation but its poor voting score suggests that a bid for the 2004 Games may now be off the agenda.

John Major made Manchester's keynote speech, telling delegates that after baling-out the Games in 1908 and 1948, Britain deserved the chance to host the event.

The presentation, which also included stirring words from the Princess Royal, prompted Olympic sprint champion Linford Christie, who took his place on the bid platform, to insist afterwards: "If fairness prevailed, we should be celebrating now."

Sydney had always looked the most glamorous candidate and its technical bid was regarded as the best of the five candidates, which also included Berlin and Istanbul.

And, in the final lobbying, the Australian prime minister, Paul Keating, even outdid his "friendly rival" Mr Major by spearheading a super-slick appeal to the IOC, while sharing the spotlight with his wife Annita and an 11-year-old Sydney schoolgirl.

Delegates had to wait two-and-a-half hours for the outcome of the voting. Outside the Louis II stadium, Turkish planes released red smoke over the Mediterranean backing the Istanbul bid and Tibetans demontrated in the street against the Chinese.

The Manchester disappointment leaves British Olympic Association officials with some hard decisions about whether to launch yet another bid for 2004 against increasingly stiff competition.

But the £500,000 worth of video material they put on show, just like the £5 million they have pumped into their whole bid, eventually counted for nothing in the winner-takes-all contest.

The bid's leader, Bob Scott, was left reflecting that they could have done no more. "We don't have that infuriating sense that we did not do our best," said the man who spent so much time pursuing this eight-year dream that his marriage broke up.

Sydney, which was mounting Australia's third successive bid, had widely been thought to be losing the big race in recent weeks after being the front runners for so long.

But IOC members, perhaps fearing an international backlash if they voted for Peking and facing intensive last-minute lobbying from the Sydney team, finally reverted to the most attractive option.

Mr Keating, clearly playing on fears of a politically-motivated Peking Games, told them pointedly that a Sydney Olympics would be a symbol of a "world of peace and friendship at the dawn of a new Millenium".

After the incomparable views of Sydney harbour had been shown on video, he added: "All Olympic nations will enjoy in safety both the Games and one of the most beautiful and exciting cities of the world."

His Dutch-born wife talked of the city's multi-cultural society, but the trump card may have been the surprise appearance of schoolgirl Tanya Blencowe, who said: "It would bring the young people of the world together."

The Chinese had been thorough from start to finish. When Olympic officials visited Peking, citizens were ordered not to burn coal fires so that Peking's notorious smog would be reduced and the air would be clearer.

Yesterday, sensitive to the human rights argument, Chen Xitong, the chairman of China's Olympic organising committee who was mayor of Peking when the Tiananmen Square massacre took place, said that "hosting the 2000 Games will open our doors still wider and promote the friendship and co-operation between the Chinese people and the people of the world."

But in the end the IOC preferred the safer, more glamorous option in spite of the loud and public support for Peking given by some of the committee's leading lights.

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SALES OF THE TIMES

● Sales of *The Times* have continued to rise since the cover priced was reduced to 30p. Last week the average audited daily sale was 469,611, an increase of 8,499, or 1.84 per cent, on the first week.

Major refuses to 'patch up' ERM

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND NICHOLAS WOOD

JOHN Major moved to appease the Tory right last night by making plain that he would not allow the European Community to patch up the discredited European exchange-rate mechanism (ERM) next month.

He declared on his return from Monte Carlo that he would not allow the "Humpty-Dumpty" of the currency grid to be put back together again. Indicating that he would block attempts at the special EC summit meeting on October 29 to revive the ERM and move ahead on monetary union, he said: "I care too much about the EC to pursue Sellotape policies — patching together the unmendable — or to play the politics of illusion — pretending that it was never broken."

Mr Major's tough line, however, was in danger of being undermined by the disclosure that he has begun drawing up proposals for a successor to the system that collapsed last month. They are at an early stage, but they are designed to inject the stability required by business in the currency markets. Officials revealed that a flexible system of managed exchange rates was being studied. This could enrage some on the Euro-sceptic right wing of the party who want the prime minister to abandon all talk of European monetary co-operation.

Norman Lamont is among the former Tory ministers expected to renew their offensive over Europe at the Tory conference next month. Any suggestion of a managed system will provide ammunition for the critics.

Mr Major chose an article in the *The Economist*, which circulates widely in Europe, to spell out his determination to prevent the special summit meeting proceeding on the "same old stale agenda".

His move to soothe the right and unify his party around an agreed European policy comes in advance of a party conference expected to be vital to his survival.

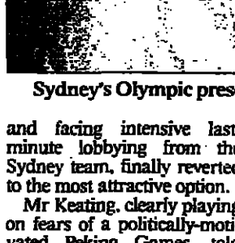
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Short fails to make most of aggression

BY IAN MURRAY

NIGEL Short yesterday played his best and most aggressive game in *The Times* World Chess Championship so far but was nevertheless forced to accept another draw after a spirited final defence by Garry Kasparov.

Throughout the opening and middle stages of the game in the Savoy Theatre the British challenger kept



the world champion on the run by exploiting the advantage of playing White. Kasparov was obviously in deep trouble, wriggling in his chair as he struggled to find a way to escape the traps that Short was setting.

In the end, as Short again began to run into time trouble, Kasparov found a way to burst through the challenger's attack, finally forcing a draw by putting the white king into perpetual check.

The result leaves Short trailing 6-2 in the 24-game match.

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Yeltsin calls for presidential poll to thwart rivals

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

PRESIDENT Yeltsin moved yesterday to consolidate his upper hand in the struggle for power in Russia by calling a presidential election for next June, two years befor his term of office formally expires, and by seizing the assets of the disbanded parliament.

The rival president named by parliament, Aleksandr Rutskoi, called on Russians to rise against Mr Yeltsin in a campaign of civil disobedience, and the parliament defied Mr Yeltsin by convening an emergency meeting of the Congress of People's Deputies to impeach him.

Mr Yeltsin said that a new election would take place three years to the day after he was elected president of the Russian Federation. Underlining his relaxed approach to the confrontation, he joked with journalists about having to ask for a popular mandate for the third time, only five months after the April referendum confirmed him in office. "It has turned out really inconveniently," he said. "But nevertheless, this is essential."

The move is intended to intensify the pressure on the challengers to his leadership, Mr Rutskoi and Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker. They have claimed that Mr Yeltsin's call for new elections to a reconstituted parliament is a dictatorial ruse to grab more power for himself. The defence ministry yesterday said it was prepared for an armed assault in case of a "provocation" by "parliamentary forces". All telephone links with the ministry were cut, allegedly because of repair work, but perhaps to prevent communication between parliament and military units that might support it. There were also rumours that the ministry phones had been sabotaged.

Viktor Chernomyrdin, the prime minister, ordered interior troops to reinforce police patrols in key cities and extra forces were stationed around the parliament building. Despite rumours of an imminent assault by presidential forces, there had been no attempt to drive out the deputies. But telephone communications from the building had been cut, and the president's office said it was preparing to cut water and electricity supplies to the White House.

Last night Mr Rutskoi, who had himself been sworn in by the Supreme Soviet as a rival president earlier this week, rejected Mr Yeltsin's election proposal and said he would not stand. He called for simultaneous elections for both presidency and parliament in February, and exhorted people to rise in civil disobedience against Mr Yeltsin. He stopped short of asking the army to take sides, but expected soldiers to make their voices heard.

Deputies from all over the country rushed to Moscow for an emergency Congress of People's Deputies convened by the parliamentary leadership with a view to impeaching Mr

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Economic optimism falls

BY PETER RIDDELL

OPTIMISM about the economic outlook has declined to its lowest level for six months as public support for the government and for John Major personally shows no sign of recovering from its recent record low levels.

The latest MORI opinion poll for *The Times* suggests that the public is uncertain about the direction of the economy and about the strength of the recovery. The index, measuring those expecting that economic conditions will improve rather than get worse, is now negative.

Party ratings are virtually becalmed, with only small month-to-month variations recorded. The Conservatives are currently on 29 per cent, Labour on 43 per cent, and the Liberal Democrats on 25 per cent.

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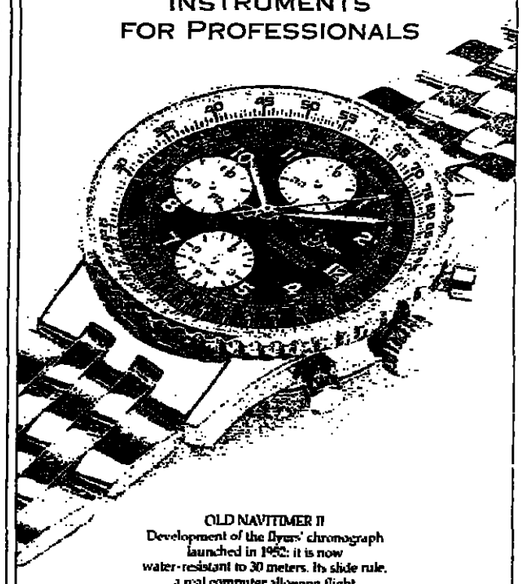
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Iraqi arms secrecy 'protected hostages'

Parliament should not be told about changes in government policy which could threaten vital national interests. William Waldegrave, the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, told the Scott enquiry yesterday (Michael Dynes writes). He said that the lives of British hostages in Lebanon could have been put at risk by informing Parliament that the government had adopted a more flexible approach towards defence-related exports to Iraq after the 1988 Gulf war.

An announcement of the change could have been misinterpreted by the hostage-takers as a "far greater shift than it was". Mr Waldegrave, who is also the minister responsible for promoting more open government, said.

BR told to aid buy-outs

British Rail has been told it must provide more than £2 million to encourage its managers and employees to bid for the 25 franchises under privatisation plans. Roger Freeman, minister for public transport, confirmed yesterday that BR will be authorised to pay each management team up to £75,000 to enable them to meet the costs of making their bids. According to the transport department, 30 groups of BR managers and 50 private companies have so far said they are interested in operating services.

TA to lose more soldiers

Army chiefs recommended further cuts in the Territorial Army yesterday in line with reductions in Royal Navy and RAF reserve forces. The military is keen to avoid substantial cuts because it sees an important future for the TA in the restructuring of the armed forces. The force has 63,500 part-time soldiers.

Halifax asks for tax help

The country's largest building society yesterday warned the government not to jeopardise the recovery in the housing market by eroding tax benefits for homeowners in the budget. Jon Foulds, Halifax chairman, said: "It is vital that the government does nothing to damage a housing market which remains extremely anaemic." Profit rise, page 26

Cat VC fetches £23,000



The Dickin Medal awarded to Simon, right, ship's cat on board HMS *Amethyst* during its escape from Chinese gunners down the Yangtze in 1949, made £23,100 at auction in London yesterday. The only so-called animal VC awarded to a cat was expected to fetch up to £5,000 but there was fierce bidding. It was bought by Eton Films, which is making an animated series about animal heroes.

Labour MP taken ill

Dale Campbell-Savours, Labour MP for Workington, has been admitted to St Bartholomew's hospital, London, with chest pains. The hospital said last night that he was in a comfortable condition and would remain there for further tests. His agent, Eric Kay, said that the 50-year-old MP had been overworking.

Official glad tidings fail to stem economic pessimism

By Peter Riddell

THE public has become more pessimistic about the outlook for the economy over the next year despite recent official figures pointing to the beginnings of recovery.

The economic optimism index in the latest MORI poll for *The Times*, conducted last weekend, is now at its lowest level for six months. The index measures the number thinking the general economic condition of the country will improve rather than get worse over the next 12 months. The proportion expecting an improvement has dropped steadily since the spring, from a peak of 39 per cent in April to 26 per cent now. The number expecting conditions to get worse has risen over the same period from 25 to 34 per cent.

Consequently, the index measuring the balance of optimists and pessimists now stands at minus eight points, the lowest level since March, compared with plus 14 points in April.

The recent monthly figures of small positive or small negative ratings suggest that the public is uncertain about the direction of the economy, and does not have much confidence in the strength of recovery. Middle class and Tory voters remain clearly optimistic on balance, while working class and Labour voters are definitely pessimistic. Younger people are also less pessimistic than older ones and optimism rises the further south you move in Britain.

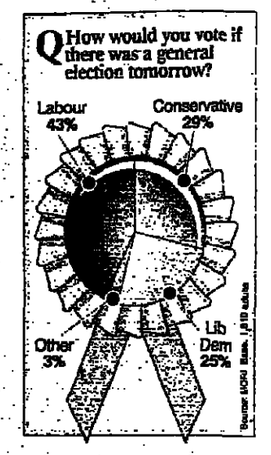
The fall in unemployment during the spring and early summer, only partially reversed over the past two months, has been reflected in a continuing decline in the number of people mentioning unemployment as among the most important issues facing Britain today. But, at 61 per cent, the issue is still well ahead of any other. The next in order are the health service and the economy, mentioned by 32 per cent each, followed by law and order, noted by 29 per cent.

Public support for the government and for John Major personally shows almost no sign of recovering from its recent near-record low levels. The Tories now stand at 29 per cent, against 43 per cent for Labour and 25 per cent for the Liberal Democrats. From the Tory point of view, the most that can be said is that the sharp declines of the first few months of this year seem to have stopped and that support is bumping along the bottom. That also applies to Mr Major's own rating. Twenty per cent are now satisfied with the way he is doing his job as prime minister, up a point form the mid-summer low, while 70 per cent remain dissatisfied.

Labour has failed to achieve a fresh advance and the main beneficiaries have been the Liberal Democrats, who have consolidated their overall support. Paddy Ashdown continues to enjoy a sizeable positive rating.

☐ *MORI interviewed a representative quota sample of 1,819 adults at 143 constituency snapling point across Britain. Interviews were conducted face-to-face on September 16 to 20. Data were weighted to match the profile of the population. Voting intention figures exclude those who say they would not vote (9 per cent), are undecided (7 per cent) or refuse to name a party (3 per cent).*

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Papal rejection of birth control 'will cause exodus'

By Ruth Gledhill
Religion Correspondent

■ **The Pope's unyielding stand against moral laxity has been welcomed, and his line on infallibility received with relief**

THE Pope's condemnation of contraception as "intrinsically evil" will lead to "the defections of myriads of the 800 million faithful", leading members of the Roman Catholic Church said last night.

The Pope is unyielding in his disapproval of birth control, homosexuality, abortion, adultery and sexual perversion in his new encyclical *Veritatis Splendor* [The Splendour of Truth], leaked to *The Times* this week.

Campaigners who waged a war of words against *Humanae Vitae*, the 1968 encyclical which condemned contraception as "intrinsically wrong", joined the growing number who said that *Veritatis Splendor* is an attempt by the church to turn the clock back.

Liberal and orthodox Catholics were, however, united in welcoming the encyclical's defence of traditional values against what is perceived as a rising tide of moral laxity in both religious and the secular life in the West.

In the encyclical, the Pope quotes from the same paragraph in Pope Paul VI's *Humanae Vitae* which condemns contraception.

He says: "With regard to intrinsically evil acts, and in reference to contraceptive practices whereby the conjugal act is intentionally rendered infertile, Pope Paul VI teaches, 'Though it is true that it is sometimes lawful to tolerate a lesser moral evil in order to promote a greater good, it is never lawful, even for the gravest reasons, to do evil that good may come of it'."

Catholics expressed relief that the Pope has backed down on infallibility in the final version, after a draft leaked last month threatened to extend the "charism of infallibility" to the church's magisterium, or teaching authority, when it claims a doctrine of faith or morals is binding.

In what is considered a victory for Vatican liberals, the final version, extracts of which were published in *The Times* yesterday, declared the church's moral teaching to be binding on bishops, theologians, priests and laity, but did not mention infallibility.

But the encyclical, to be published on October 5, makes it clear that dissent will not be tolerated.

Dr John Wijngaards, a leading Catholic theologian, of Housetop, a Christian resources centre in London, said: "I would say it is wrong to argue that contraception is intrinsically evil. The natural law involved here is the requirement to respect life and love. In that context it may be that the use of contraception does not go against a respect for life and love."

Mary Ann Rossi, a research scholar at London University and a founder member of the Coalition for the Ordination of Catholic Women, said the statements on birth control presented "a lucid and cogent reason for the disaffection of myriads of the 800 million faithful today. There is no acknowledgement of the worldwide epidemic of Aids presently affecting all of us. Contraception is a *sine qua non* relief from this plague."

But the encyclical was defended by Valerie Riches, founder of the orthodox Association of Catholic Women. She said: "I think the Catholic Church is the only church that has stayed the course and held by everything it has said previously."

PETER TRIEVNOR



Sir Richard, whose resignation would force another tricky by-election

Tory rebel may stand down

SIR Richard Body, believed to be one of the rebel Tory MPs described as "barmy" by John Major, is considering resigning his seat and creating another difficult by-election for the government (Andrew Pierce writes).

Sir Richard, 66, a senior Euro-sceptic backbencher, has been offered a lucrative publishing deal by a company specialising in books on Europe. If he accepts, he would resign as MP for Holland with Boston.

Despite the prime minister's open antipathy towards Sir Richard, who said last week that he believed Mr Major would soon resign, the last thing the government can afford, after the disasters of Newbury and Christchurch, is another by-election.

Sir Richard, a former barrister and pig breeder, is said to have suffered losses as a Lloyd's name. He has represented Holland with Boston since 1966 and first entered the Commons in 1955 as MP for Billericay. He has written five books on Europe and the environment and was offered the deal on Tuesday by Adamantine Press, which is based in London.

"It is a very tempting offer which I am considering," Sir Richard said yesterday. "I am very fond of my constituents and my constituency. I don't know if I want to be a nuisance to them by causing a by-election."

He says that he intends to make a decision within the next week and that, if he accepts the contract, he would have to stand down. At the last general election, Labour came second in Holland with Boston, reducing the Conservative majority by 5,000 to 13,800.

Education leak puts pressure on Labour

By Ben Preston and John O'Leary

LABOUR disarray over higher education was exploited yesterday as John Patten, the education secretary, published a leaked Opposition document which said a "corporate levy" on industry might provide extra funds for expansion.

The discussion paper suggests alternatively that Labour might raise additional cash by dropping its longstanding support for free higher education and charging full-time students tuition fees. A third option is to raise taxes.

The embarrassing leak increased the pressure on Ann Taylor, shadow education spokeswoman, as she struggled to convince backbench critics of her credentials. Mrs Taylor was forced on Tuesday to postpone the launch of the controversial higher education chapter in Labour's consultative green paper after a bitter internal wrangle.

The party's joint policy committee ordered the paper be redrafted amid fears that public discussion of options might upset middle-class voters Labour was anxious to court. Both parties and the universities are engaged in a game of cat and mouse to avoid being the first to propose an end to free higher education.

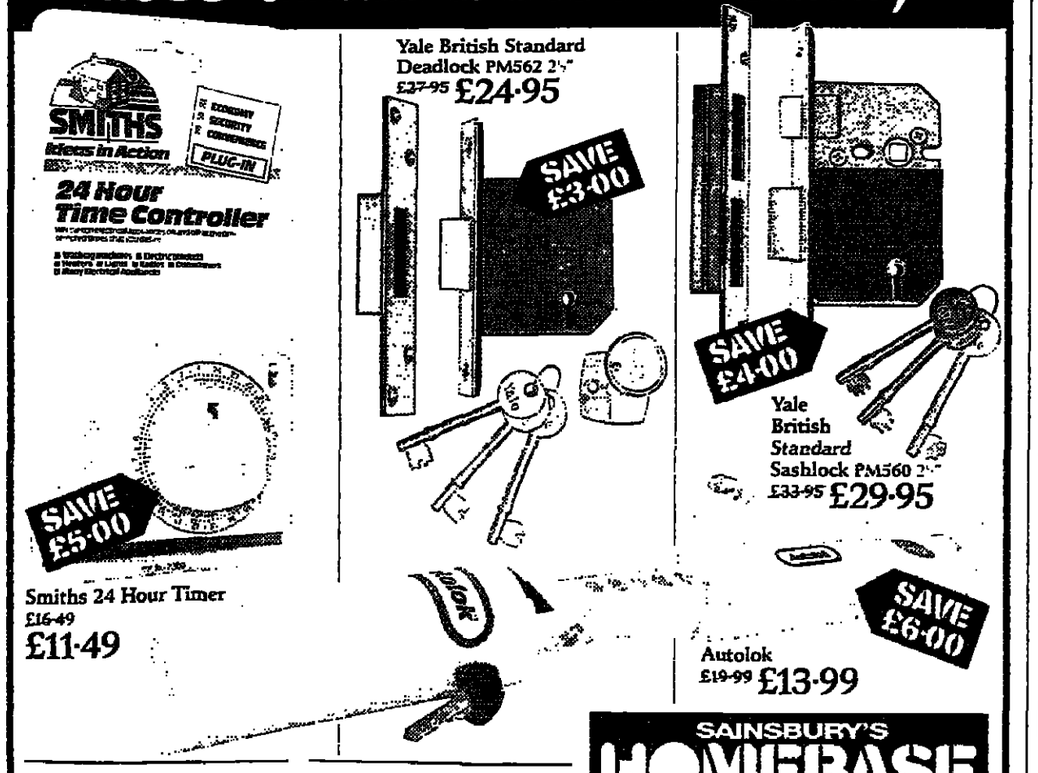
☐ Campaigners against opting-out yesterday stole a march on John Patten, the education secretary, by announcing that the milestone of the 1000th school to win parental backing for grant-maintained status has been passed. Local Schools Information, an advisory group funded by local authorities, said votes by parents supporting the switch at two schools took the total into four figures.

CORRECTION

Employees of David S Smith (Holdings) plc raised £250,000 for the Royal National Society for the Blind, not £25,000 as incorrectly reported in a Focus feature on September 17.



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Sex offender denied castration warns of danger to children

BY JEREMY LAURANCE
HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

A health council chief fears a decision by the medical establishment will create "a living hell for dozens more children"

A PERSISTENT sex offender whom doctors have refused to castrate surgically has said the decision will leave children at risk.

The man, aged 59, has been repeatedly imprisoned for offences against children, including his own. On the last occasion he was imprisoned for ten years but is now free and living in south London.

Malcolm Alexander, chief officer of Southwark community health council, which is handling the complaint, says the man, referred to as Mr K, first requested surgical castration while in prison and was supported by the prison doctor. He is judged mentally capable of giving consent but no surgeon will carry out his wishes.

"Mr K has perhaps another 20 years in front of him," Mr Alexander says in tomorrow's *British Medical Journal*. "I wonder whether the indecisiveness of the medical establishment will create a living hell for dozens more children while it refuses to accept Mr K's own extreme solution."

Doctors offered Mr K the drug goserelin to reduce his sex drive chemically but he refused it because it was a temporary solution. "He wants a permanent solution to stop his abusive behaviour so that he can start a normal life," Mr Alexander writes. "He has threatened suicide, been on hunger strike and contemplated castrating himself."

Surgical castration reduces sex drive but does not always extinguish it. One study of 35 sex offenders castrated in Germany found that 11 were still able to have sexual intercourse. A Danish study found that between 2 and 3 per cent of castrated sex offenders continued to reoffend.

Surgical castration is not now performed in any western European country for ethical reasons, according to Professor John Gunn, head of forensic psychiatry at the Institute of Psychiatry in Camberwell, south London. "The operation is mutilating and there is the distinct risk that it could be carried out coercively," he says in a commentary on the case in the BMJ.

Dr David Cook, consultant senior lecturer in mental health at the University of Bristol, says in another commentary that there may be a case for surgical castration when psychological or chemical methods have failed, although it is "not a panacea".

Dr Pamela Taylor, head of medical services at the special hospitals service authority responsible for Broadmoor and the other high-security mental hospitals, says that Mr K's request reveals the depth of his anger. "When there are other treatments available, only a very angry man would demand of a doctor that he or she should inflict major, irreversible mutilations on him while also attempting to make the doctor responsible for much much worse if he or she does not."

The most shocking aspect of the case, she says in a third *BMJ* commentary, is that it is necessary to demand castration to attract medical attention for deviation. "This is not the story of a man for whom all treatments had been tried and failed. It seems he has previously only been punished — and that has certainly failed to prevent his reoffending."

Mr Alexander said last night: "One could argue that Mr K will almost inevitably reoffend. Someone who has abused children all his life is unlikely to stop."

Campbell sacked by US agency amid tales of tantrums

BY LOUISE HIDALGO AND KATE MUIR

LEADING figures in Britain's fashion industry yesterday came to the defence of the supermodel Naomi Campbell after she was sacked by her American agency because of her alleged abusive manner and tantrums.

Alexandra Shulman, editor of *Vogue*, said she had always found Campbell easy to work with and charming. "Models swap agencies all the time and I think this is another example," she said.

Elite, Campbell's model agency in New York, issued a statement explaining why they had fired the 23-year-old from Streatham, south London, who earns more than £1 million a year. "No amount of money or prestige could further justify the abuse that has been imposed on our staff and clients. All who have experienced this will understand," it said.

Tales of Campbell's alleged bad behaviour abound. Reports from night clubs of jealous tantrums and even hair-pulling appear every few months in the tabloid gossip columns. Her boy friends were said to have included the actor Robert de Niro and the boxer Mike Tyson and she is now engaged to Adam Clayton of the rock group U2. In May, she was said to have been heard at a Paris fashion shoot shouting down a portable phone to an unidentified man: "Marry me or buy me a building."

Campbell's supporters yesterday claimed that Elite issued the damning statement because the model was about to defect to a rival agency. Elite Premier, her London agency, which is a partner of the American firm, said she had never used foul language or been uncooperative during the two years it had worked with her and that it would continue representing her.

Carole White, the agency's managing director and a friend of Campbell, said: "I have always found Naomi delightful to work with. I cannot comment on what may have happened in the States."

Even the most well-behaved and modest models could be under threat after a decision by the Council of Fashion Designers of America, which includes Calvin Klein, Donna Karan and representatives of Ralph Lauren, to cut fees for catwalk modelling. After a secret meeting, it told model agencies that it was considering a $250 (£165) per hour ceiling on fees. At present, models in America can command up to $20,000 (£13,250) for a show.

British designers, who are less able to afford the high fees that top models demand, yesterday welcomed the news. "Like everything manufactured in the eighties, the bubble has burst," Bruce Oldfield said.

Caroline Charles said: "These girls are the last of the 1980s image of spend, spend, spend. If there is to be recovery from the recession, we have to have reasonable costs."

BOB COLLIER



Naomi Campbell serene on the catwalk, but her alleged temper is renowned

Teacher accused of gagging pupils

BY BEN PRESTON
EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

A JUNIOR school teacher has been suspended after parents complained that she gagged pupils with sticky tape to keep a noisy class quiet.

They claimed that most of the 30 children aged nine and ten sat for 20 minutes with their mouths sealed with plastic tape after ignoring their teacher's call for silence.

Governors, police and social services are investigating the alleged incident last Wednesday at William Martin Junior School in Harlow, Essex. The teacher, Gurdip Sagoo, has been sent home pending the outcome of the enquiry.

It is alleged that Mrs Sagoo taped several children's mouths and then told the class: "If you don't be quiet I'll tape you too." Most children allowed her to stick the tape on their mouths although some did it for themselves.

One pupil said: "The teacher put brown tape over our mouths because we were making a noise. I thought it was funny, but it hurt a bit when she took it off."

His mother said: "He told me what had happened. But he wasn't bothered about it. It was just a joke really."

But another parent said: "When some of them became afraid and tried to remove the tape she shouted and upset many of the children. It left me fuming and worried for the safety of my child."

Peter Wilton, the head teacher, said the alleged incident began lightheartedly. "Some of the children thought it was a great joke. Some were asking to be taped. Others refused because they thought it was inappropriate."

He added: "I don't think it was a jape. I'm treating it very seriously. This was in direct conflict with all that we stand for in this school."

Sgt Tony Sale, of Essex police, said one child might have suffered a cut lip when the tape was allegedly pulled off. "I am looking at an allegation referred to us by the social services. We are going to investigate and will interview the children in that class."

Mrs Sagoo, 38, a teacher at the school for two years, refused to comment.

Coroner praises shot tourist

BY PAUL WILKINSON

THE quiet courage of Margaret Jagger, the British tourist who saw her boy friend shot dead by a gang of muggers in Florida last week and was wounded herself, was praised yesterday.

James Turnbull, the coroner for West Yorkshire, was opening the inquest on Gary Colley, who was fatally wounded as the couple slept in their parked hire car in the early hours of September 14. He said: "I should like to commend Miss Jagger for her courage, as I have seen it in media reports, and in being very willing to give a lengthy statement to the coroner's officer into the events that must have caused her great distress."

Miss Jagger, 35, a civil servant and Mr Colley, 34, a mechanical engineer, had shared a home at Wilsden, West Yorkshire, for several years.

PC David Morton, the coroner's officer, told the inquest at Bradford that Mr Colley's cause of death was gunshot wounds to the neck and chest.

He said the couple were taking a short break in a rest area on Interstate Highway 1 near Monticello, Jefferson County. "They were both awakened to find a young black man stood, one at each side of the car, tapping on the windows.

"Mr Colley immediately tried to drive away and as he did so shots were fired into the car causing the injury from which he died at the scene.

The hearing was ajourned indefinitely and the coroner issued a certificate allowing Mr Colley's funeral to go ahead in Shipley, West Yorkshire, today.



Queen's confidante Bobo dies aged 89

BY ALAN HAMILTON

MARGARET Macdonald, the oldest and longest-serving member of the Queen's household, who entered royal service soon after Princess Elizabeth was born in 1926, has died at Buckingham Palace aged 89. The Queen, who is holidaying at Balmoral, was said to be deeply saddened at the death of a woman described as her closest confidante.

Miss Macdonald, nicknamed "Bobo", held a unique position in the royal household: she had her own suite in Buckingham Palace and was waited on by staff after retiring three years ago.

Douglas Keay, author of *Elizabeth II*, said last night: "Bobo Macdonald was the only person in the palace who could talk to the Queen on equal terms. People have recoiled in shock at her straight-talking with her sovereign."

Miss Macdonald, born in 1904 in Cromarty, Highland, was hired by the then Duchess of York, now Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother. As nurserymaid, she shared a bedroom with the future queen till she was 11. She later became her dresser.

Palace officials said last night that they expected a private funeral to take place next week, but it was not known whether the Queen would attend.



Macdonald: began royal service in 1924

KGB defector tells court the secrets of Russian spycraft

BY RICHARD DUCE

SIÂN FRANCES



Oleg Gordievsky giving evidence at the Old Bailey

THE high-ranking KGB defector Oleg Gordievsky gave the Old Bailey an insight yesterday into the workings of the Russian secret service.

Mr Gordievsky, believed to be the first former foreign spy to give evidence in open court, said that the KGB formed a department specifically to acquire Western science and technology, particularly where it had a military use. He said that the T directorate, set up in the 1950s, was the "important and probably most powerful section of the KGB. It was responsible for stealing Western technological and scientific secrets with a military application."

The former KGB major, 53, was giving evidence on the fourth day of the trial against Michael Smith, who is alleged to have sold secrets to the Russians while working at the GEC research centre in north-west London.

Mr Gordievsky, deputy head of the KGB station in London between 1982 and 1985, told how the KGB operated with Russians on false British papers. Other agents posed as journalists and trade delegates. His work involved the recruiting and running of agents, the use of dead letter boxes and methods to avoid counter-surveillance by arranging meetings in open spaces.

Mr Gordievsky said that he became disillusioned with communism in 1975 and contacted British intelligence. He operated as a double agent for the next ten years until the KGB discovered his role and returned him to Moscow, where he was interrogated under drugs. In July, 1985 he defected to Britain.

He was giving evidence as an expert witness to reveal espionage tradecraft. It is alleged that the KGB sent Mr Smith on a course to Portugal in 1977 and that a map found in his flat bore marks connected with such tradecraft.

The prosecution alleges that Mr Smith, 45, of Kingston upon Thames, was recruited by the KGB colonel Viktor Oschenko in the early 1970s. He was arrested after Mr Oschenko's defection in July last year. After his arrest, it is alleged that Special Branch officers found documents in his car relating to the "Star Wars" space defence research and the Rapier missile system.

Mr Smith denies four charges under the Official Secrets Act. The trial, before Mr Justice Blofeld, continues today.

Muggers risk catching Aids

BY LIN JENKINS

POLICE yesterday urged two muggers to seek medical advice after they attacked a man dying of Aids. The victim, who was bleeding heavily, believes that he cut one of his attackers on the face as he hit out in self-defence.

West Midlands police said it was possible that some of the victim's blood could have spattered the attackers as he was repeatedly kicked and punched in an underpass in Birmingham city centre while filming with a video camera mounted on a tripod.

The attackers ran off with the £1,100 camera, but not before one of them had been struck in the face with the tripod.

The victim, 35, said that he had recently developed Aids after being HIV-positive for five years. He added: "One of them punched and kicked me in the face to try and make me let go of the video camera. He had blood all over his hands and a cut to his head where I had hit him with the tripod. If he rubbed the side of his head with his hands when he had my blood on it he could be in big trouble."

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'I looked away and, when I looked back, I saw her on the ground', younger sister tells coroner

Teenage rider killed in fall from pony despite safety helmet

BY LIN JENKINS

A TALENTED teenage rider, whose ambition was to follow in the footsteps of eventer Virginia Leng, died in a fall from her pony despite wearing a protective riding hat.

Zoe Nesbitt, 15, who was featured earlier this year in a television documentary about the Pony Club, was practising in a field near her home, at Hook Norton, Oxfordshire, when she fell.

An inquest at Oxford coroner's court was told that her younger sister Jo had put up a series of practice jumps and was mounting her own pony when the accident happened.

In a statement read by Nicholas Gardiner, the Oxford coroner, Jo, 13, said: "Zoe had taken about six jumps and, as I got onto my horse, I saw she was about to jump a 3ft 3ins high table fence. I looked away and, when I looked back, I saw her on the ground. She was lying near the jump on her back with her knees up.

"I think the horse must have cleared the fence but not landed properly. She was thrown to the left of the horse on the ground. Zoe was wearing her skull cap. Neither of us felt safe if we were not wearing our helmets."

Jo said her sister's chestnut gelding, called Scrumpy, was a "perfect" horse who never put a foot wrong. She rode to a nearby hourse to call an ambulance and then on to find their trainer, Nicola Inglis.

Mrs Inglis arrived at the field and tried to revive Zoe. Mrs Inglis said: "I could see lots of blood and tried to give her artificial respiration. I had to loosen her chin strap to do so. It was fitting normally. She was wearing one of the best hats available. Her parents would not have bought her anything else."

Mrs Inglis told the hearing that the horse was very reliable and the mount and rider well suited. Zoe was a good rider who did not take chances and, since the jump on examination showed no signs of being hit, the horse must have stumbled on landing, catapulting Zoe to the ground.

Zoe's mother Jane told the inquest of her daughter's enthusiasm for riding. "She was a very experienced rider and had been riding since she was three years old," she said. Scrumpy had been with them for a year and had not been known to stumble before.

Dr Godman Greywoode, pathologist, said Zoe died from fractures to the base of her skull after a considerable blow to the side of her head.

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Zoe Nesbitt was an experienced rider and her horse was described as "perfect"

"Zoe was wearing a helmet, but no helmet can protect from such a blow," he said. "The design at the moment means there is protection from the front to the back, but not from side to side."

Mr Gardiner recorded a verdict of accidental death and said: "I can only conclude that Scrumpy, an otherwise perfect horse, had stumbled after taking that jump as any horse does from time to time."

There was no suggestion that the horse had kicked the girl. Zoe, who was a member of the Heythrop Hunt branch of the Pony Club, had been practising for her first British Horse Society junior regional novice competition, which she was due to take part in the Saturday after her death, on April 21. She had competed in Pony Club teams and hoped for a career as an event rider.

Injuries prompt safer-hat search

BY LIN JENKINS

THE failure of protective riding hats to prevent death or severe injury in certain types of fall has prompted a review of safety standards.

The British Horse Society (BHS) and the British Standards Institution (BSI), which sets the standard for hats, are examining ways of improving them. Their move comes as concern over safety appears to be overcoming conservatism among riders on grounds of fashion and price.

At present hats meet one of two standards: BS6473 for horse and pony riders, covering shock absorption, penetration resistance and strength of the retention system; and BS4472 for the jockey skull cap, which lays down requirments appropriate for accidents common at speed and in professional riding.

Independent tests carried out by the Mark Davies Injured Riders Fund found that hats offered inadequate protection against some types of fall.

Dr John Lloyd Parry, medical adviser to the International Equestrian Association (FEI) and chairman of the BHS health and safety committee, said: "The question of hat safety is very high profile at the moment because of the tests done by the fund. There is a lot of effort being put in as to how to improve hats. We are aware that present hats are not as they should be."

He will chair a meeting on November 18 of all interested parties, including manufacturers and equestran organisations, to consider proposals for change. The BSI committee on riding hat standards is also examining the problem.

The manufacturers have argued that the market will not stand the cost of improving hats and that riders would not wear anything similar to a motorcycle helmet. But with a study of 1,500 riding accidents in the West Midlands last year showing that a third of them involved head or facial injuries, many in equestrianism believe that a new standard is vital.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Children smuggled into Britain

Ethiopian children are being smuggled into Britain and left on the doorstep of a London community centre at night to escape the civil war.

More than a hundred children from 8 to 16 have been found during the past ten months at the Tabernacle Community Centre, Kensington, which houses an Ethiopian help line. They are met at Heathrow by couriers from the local Ethiopian community who take them to the centre, and then foster homes are found for them.

Keyet Makonnen, who runs the help line, said: "There is little chance that these children will see their parents again. They are tense, in tears, shaking and sweating."

Murder charge

David Ayres, 46, of Blaby, Leicestershire, was remanded in custody for a week by magistrates, accused of murdering David Dyson, 15, who was run over while fleeing from an allegedly stolen car.

Soldier killed

A Black Watch soldier has died after falling into a ravine while on exercise in Hong Kong. Pte John Borthwick, 23, from Kirkcaldy, Fife, had been married only eight weeks.

Wizard held

A black magic wizard was being questioned yesterday after a policeman was shot with an air rifle when he disturbed an occult ceremony in Mansfield, Nottinghamshire.

Crane death

A man died and four suffered shock when their crane touched a power cable while they were working on the M20 near Maidstone, Kent.

Mini marvel

A baby born in the back of a hatchback has been christened Metro by his parents, Lyn Sowden and Keith Newman, of Oakdale, Gwent.

Champion mother jumped to her death

BY PAUL WILKINSON

A WOMAN who had been named mother of the year neatly arranged fresh clothes for her three children minutes before she threw herself in front of an express train.

Hazel Clark, 30, committed suicide after failing in two relationships, an inquest jury at Bishop Auckland, co. Durham, decided yesterday. She won the regional newspaper competition two months before her death.

The inquest was told how Mrs Clark, from Crook, and her husband were divorcing. She had found a new partner, Kenneth Evans, but split up with him.

Mr Evans, who lives at Ferryhill Station, close to where she died, told the jury: "We had a fall-out and I told her not to come back when she started threatening friends of mine. She kept calling on the phone and cut her wrists a couple of times.

"I spoke to her the day before her death and asked her if I needed to get an injunction to keep her away. She said no and that I would never see her again."

Soon after, Mrs Clark wrote a suicide note on a gate post near the main line before jumping to her death.

Colin Penna, the South Durham coroner, said: "It appears this lady developed an infatuation and did not wish the relationship to be terminated."



Clark: threw herself under an express train

Pupils switch on to more than television

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

THE IMAGE of goggle-eyed children sitting glued to the television is demolished in the biggest survey of youth consumer behaviour and attitudes in Britain.

The survey of 6,400 children aged 7 to 19 shows that although more than 20 per cent of them watch five hours or more of television a day, most read three to four non-school books a month. Even though older children read less, those aged between 15 and 19 still manage one book a month.

The figures, produced by the British Market Research Bureau, will enable advertisers to catch youth trends as they emerge. They also provide an insight for broadcasters about the kind of programmes youngsters want.

One of the most significant findings is the degree of visual and technological literacy of today's young generation. Ninety-seven per cent of seven to ten-year-olds regularly use a computer. One in seven children play on video game consoles.

These latest findings lend credence to a growing belief that although children are watching more television than adults — five hours a day, against an average of four for the population as a whole — they are doing so in a different way. Video replay now accounts for one seventh of their viewing.

Among existing programmes, Channel 4's *Crystal Maze*, a problem-solving game show, is the favourite of seven to ten-year-olds. Those aged 11 to 14 prefer BBC1's situation comedy *Birds of a Feather*. The preferred programme of those aged 15-is *Casualty*, BBC1's hospital drama.



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Forensic scientists confirm the truth behind Sir Roger Casement's diary of gay encounters

Martyr to Ireland's cause is proved to be homosexual

BY RICHARD FORD, HOME CORRESPONDENT

AN ENDURING myth of 20th century Irish folklore will have to be revised after proof that one of the republic's greatest heroes was a practising homosexual.

The riddle of whether the British authorities forged parts of Sir Roger Casement's diaries has been solved by scientists authenticating the graphic descriptions of sexual encounters with men.

"The diaries are absolutely genuine and written in Casement's hand," Nigel Acheson, editor of BBC Radio 4's *Document* programme, said. The makers of the programme, broadcast last night, were allowed to have the diaries scientifically tested to determine if they were genuine.

He said entries disclosed sexual encounters with men, descriptions of young men admired by Casement and others that made clear references to a sex act taking place. "Very often he has put XX against a name or location. This is a code for sex having taken place," Mr Acheson said.

Although the Irish republic legalised homosexuality this year, the disclosure that one of nationalist Ireland's most revered martyrs was homosexual will still come as a shock to many people. Homosexuality remains a sin in the eyes of the Roman Catholic Church.

Casement, a member of the Protestant establishment, was sentenced to death for treason by the British in 1916 after he tried to raise support in Germany for a free Ireland. To the British, he was a gun-running civil servant who conspired with Germany during the first world war, but to Irish nationalists he was, and remains, a true patriot.

A campaign for clemency began on both sides of the Atlantic after his conviction but this was silenced when pages torn from the diaries, detailing two years of homosexual activity in three continents, were leaked in America and Britain. Support for Casement collapsed and he was hanged at Pentonville prison on August 3, 1916.

There has been a long-held suspicion in Ireland that the forgeries were concocted by the British and that Casement was a victim of perfidious Albion and her "dirty tricks".

David Baxendale, a forensic scientist, has examined diaries stored in the National Library in Dublin and pages from those held by the Home Office to establish the authenticity of entries. Any false entries would have been contemporaneous, so materials and inks were not tested.

He examined a number of entries, including one for December 2, 1910, that contained clear homosexual references. Mr Baxendale, who studied the diaries for the programme, also looked at entries for 1911 that catalogued sexual encounters in South America, Paris and Northern Ireland.

Casement's remains were released from Pentonville prison in north London in 1965 and re-interred with full honours in Dublin. President Éamon de Valera, the republic's revered leader but no liberal, gave the oration at the ceremony. He said: "This grave like those others will become a place of pilgrimage. Our young people will come here and get renewed inspiration ... everyone must believe that a man who did so much, who was so unselfish, who worked so hard for the downtrodden ... that man is in heaven."



Casement: a true patriot and martyr to Irish nationalists, who wrongly believed that the British authorities forged his diary to slur him

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Psychological Society

Jobs give people most satisfaction

BY NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

THERE is nothing like work to keep you satisfied, a British Psychological Society conference in Oxford was told yesterday. Unemployed people often try to obtain the same sense of satisfaction by working hard at their leisure but without complete success, Dr John Haworth, of Manchester University, said.

The trouble with leisure, he found, was that there was no supervisor forcing you to do things you would rather avoid. Overcoming a reluctance to carry out tasks that were unpleasant led to much satisfaction with work.

Dr Haworth's studies are based on Professor Marie Jahoda's theory that, apart from the financial rewards, work promotes happiness by providing workers with a time-structure, social contacts, a collective purpose, a sense of identity and more regular activity.

Research among young unemployed people has shown that these benefits can be obtained outside work, usually by more work-like and active leisure pursuits, and that those who take part in them are generally happier and feel more positive about themselves. However, the rewards still fall short of real work.

The difference is motivation. At work, there is little choice but to persist with tasks that would otherwise have been given up, and this ultimately produces a sense of satisfaction and wellbeing. Leisure, which is self-motivated, is seldom able to produce the same results.

Among managers, a sense of collective purpose and status are the most important routes to high self-esteem. During leisure time, active pursuits are most often linked to being satisfied with life.

Dr Haworth concludes that much of the frustration resulting from unemployment can be mitigated, but many things about work are difficult to mimic.

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Loss of pet induces mourning

BY OUR SCIENCE EDITOR

THE loss of a pet produces feelings of grief similar to those of human bereavement, Professor John Archer told the conference. The most intense feelings were experienced by people who lived alone, or those whose pets died unexpectedly.

In general, the feelings were less intense than those of a human bereavement, but not different in kind.

More than 60 per cent of 88 pet owners who responded to a questionnaire reported a feeling of "numbness and disbelief" when their pet died. Almost three quarters were preoccupied with intrusive thoughts, returning repeatedly to the loss, and 60 per cent were drawn to reminders of the loss, such as walking around looking for their dead pets.

The degree of upset experienced by the pet owners depended on the intensity of the relationship. Those who described a pet as "my baby" or who said it meant everything to them were the most grief-stricken.

The length of time the pet had been owned, or the fact that some owners had other pets, did not diminish the feelings.

The research was carried out at Kirkham, Lancashire, by Professor Archer and Gillian Winchester, of the University of Central Lancashire.

Most of the pet owners were women and the feelings were the same whether a cat or a dog had been lost.

Optimism on disease 'misguided'

BY A STAFF REPORTER

PEOPLE are more optimistic about serious illness than is justified, Dr Peter Harris of the University of Hertfordshire told the conference. But with trivial ailments they think their risks are higher than other people's.

Dr Harris and Wendy Middleton asked 50 students to compile lists of diseases they were highly likely to get and those they most feared. There was little overlap between the two groups.

The students believed that they were likely to suffer from food poisoning, tooth decay, back problems, sunstroke, varicose veins, high blood pressure and gum disease. But they did not include two thirds of the diseases they feared most, including cancer, Aids, Parkinson's disease, brain tumours and multiple sclerosis.

The research was an example of the "positive illusions" we all harbour about ourselves, Dr Harris said.

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Pioneering images of the brain suggest a role for meditation in conquering physical suffering

Thinking through the pain barrier

BY JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

THE way we cope with pain might have more to do with our emotional response to it than with the pain itself, according to researchers who have taken the first pictures of the brain in pain.

A new imaging technique has shown that the response to pain may be more complex than has been thought and could account for the wide differences in pain thresholds between individuals. The findings also suggest that pain can be conquered by using mental techniques such as meditation.

The pictures, taken by a scanner that reveals chemical changes in the brain, show that it is the frontal lobes — the part of the brain dealing with the higher order activities of thinking and feeling — that show the strongest response to pain, rather than areas governing instinctive responses.

The brain reacts to pain by producing opioids — naturally occurring morphine-type drugs — but the pictures show that most of this activity occurred in the frontal lobes.

Dr Anthony Jones, leader of the research team at the Manchester Rheumatism Centre in Salford and the Hammersmith Hospital, west London, said the findings were exciting.

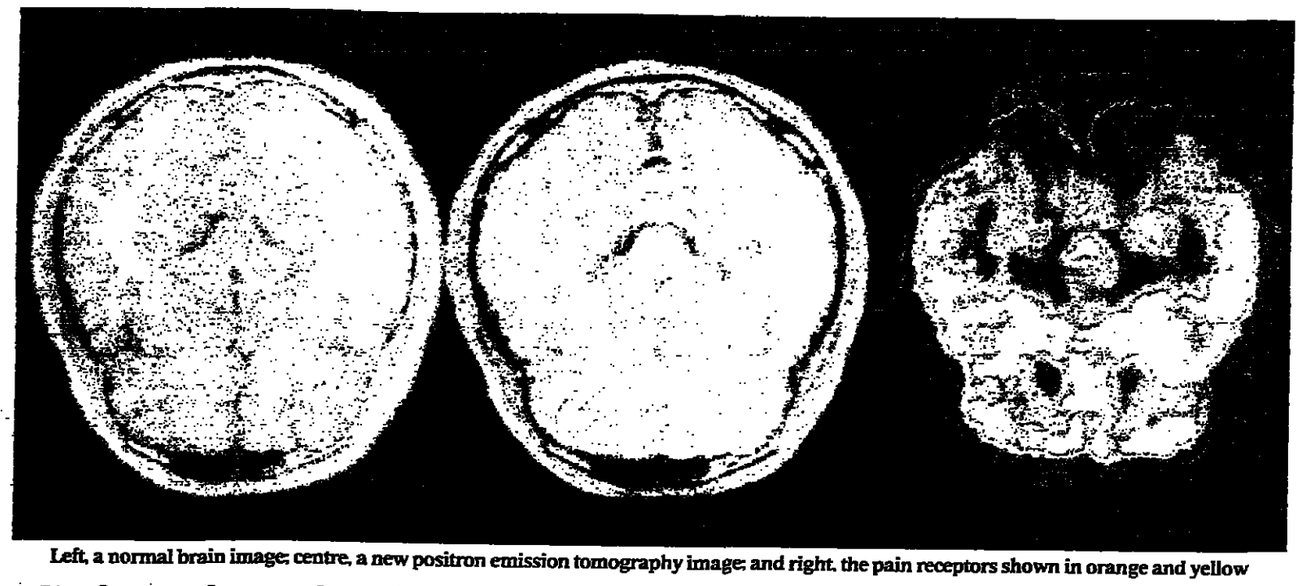
"Opioids are the body's method of dealing with pain. What is interesting is that the frontal lobes have higher levels of opioid receptors and the most significant changes occurred in these areas. We think these frontal areas deal with the emotional reaction to pain and that opioids are more concerned with modifying people's emotional response to pain than abolishing pain."

The research team also looked at patients with chronic pain caused by cancer who were given morphine. They found the drug's effects were similarly concentrated in the frontal lobes of the brain.

Details of the research were presented at a British Society for Rheumatology meeting in Cambridge yesterday. Dr Jones, a senior lecturer in rheumatology at Manchester University, said the findings could help patients with rheumatoid arthritis, cancer and chronic back trouble whose pain may be constant and resistant to drugs.

Evidence shows that the brain is less efficient at dealing with pain in patients with rheumatoid arthritis, which may be the result of chemical changes in the opioid system, Dr Jones said.

The pictures were taken using a scanning technique called positron emission tomography, which allows scientists to watch chemical reactions in living tissue. The opioid receptors, on to which the opioid molecules can lock, helping to counteract the pain, are shown up on the images as the orange and yellow areas which are clearly concentrated in the frontal lobes.



Left, a normal brain image; centre, a new positron emission tomography image; and right, the pain receptors shown in orange and yellow

Scientists isolate genes offering cancer hope

BY OUR HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

SCIENTISTS have isolated two genes, thought to play a role in breast cancer, that might help doctors match treatments more effectively to patients. They believe one of the genes might cause the cancer to spread from the breast and the other could help halt it.

Dr David Manning, of the Tenovus Cancer Research Centre in Cardiff, who isolated the genes with Dr Chris Green, from Liverpool University, said it was "an important breakthrough, but it is early days yet". It is known that breast cancer runs in families and researchers have been searching for the genes responsible for more than five years. They have identified a handful that play a role, but the key genes determining who will get cancer have remained elusive.

The new genes are switched on or off by the female hormone oestrogen. One, called the pLIVI gene, might instruct the breast cells to produce a protein which helps cancer cells invade other parts. The other, called the pMGT1, is triggered by anti-oestrogen drugs and appears to play a role in halting cancer growth.

Warmer weather sends nature wild

PESTS including spiders with a nasty bite could be on the increase (Nick Nuttall writes).

A government-commissioned report has confirmed that during the mild winters and hot summers between 1988 and 1990 British wildlife underwent a profound transformation. Some flowers bloomed up to five months early.

The report, compiled by Dr Melvin Cannell and Dr Carol Pitcairn of the Institute of Terrestrial Ecology, found that between 1988 and 1989 temperatures were 2.5C higher than average, within the rise expected from global warming.

☐ *Impacts of the Mild Winters and Hot Summers in the UK in 1988-90* (Stationery Office: £15)

Peaceful waters calm fish prices

BY NICK ANGEL

FISH is better value this week after a period of reduced supplies and higher prices caused by stormy weather. Oil-rich fish is in abundance, with mackerel at about 90p a lb and sardines about £1.25 a lb. Flat fish remains elusive and expensive, however, except for plaice from the South Coast which is about £1.50 a lb.

Shellfish can be had at bargain prices, particularly oysters at about 70p each for natives and 40p for Pacifics. Mussels are still at last week's price of £2.20 for 2kg.

Pork is providing some of the best deals in the meat department. Safeway has leg of pork reduced from £1.39 to 79p a lb and Asda's fresh pork rolled shoulder is 99p a lb. Eight frozen pork shoulder chops from Sainsbury's are down 50p at £2.99.

On the fruit counter, Asda has English Cox's Orange Pippin at 45p a lb, Tesco has new season Elstar apples at 29p a lb and Golden Delicious are 19p a lb from Gateway. Grapes, too, are good value, with Tesco's white seedless grapes down 20p at £1.19 a lb and white Italia grapes 39p a lb from Asda and Gateway.

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Aggressive Short misses his chance for first victory against the world champion

Precise defence foils challenger's assault

BY RAYMOND KEENE AND DANIEL JOHNSON

NIGEL Short and Garry Kasparov drew the eighth game of *The Times* World Chess Championship last night, after the British challenger, playing White, had sacrificed several pieces and come within an ace of winning his first game.

The draw was agreed after 41 moves, once it became clear that Kasparov had enough counterplay to neutralise Short's attack. The match score now stands at 6-2 to Kasparov. Afterwards Michael Adams, the British number two, said that Short had missed a clear win on move 35, when he should have played Qe7 instead of Bxh8. Other grandmasters agreed that Short had almost certainly missed a win while under time pressure.

Earlier, spectators had been treated to a virtuoso display of tactical brilliance by Short, who sacrificed first a bishop, then both rooks in order to tear open the fortifications around the world champion's king.

As the time control at move 40 approached, Short had only two minutes to make several moves, and it became clear that Kasparov's precise defence had taken the steam out of the assault. Though Short regained his lost material, Kasparov was able to counter-attack with his queen. In the final position Short was obliged to repeat moves or have his own king hunted over the board.

The result will nevertheless reassure Short that he is capable of taking Kasparov to the edge of defeat, and may restore his morale after Tuesday's humiliating loss.

Short began the game in aggressive fashion. Once again he resorted to Bobby Fischer's favourite variation against Kasparov's habitual Sicilian Defence.

Play followed that of game six until Short varied with 9 e5 instead of 9 f5. Kasparov spent considerable time in the opening phase, while Short moved fairly quickly, but Kasparov's 14th move, ...g5, appeared to take Short by surprise. There was no alternative but to offer a piece sacrifice, which Short duly did. He elected to sacrifice a piece with 16 Nc6, but there was fierce analysis among the spectating grandmasters about the alternative piece sacrifice 16 Bd5.

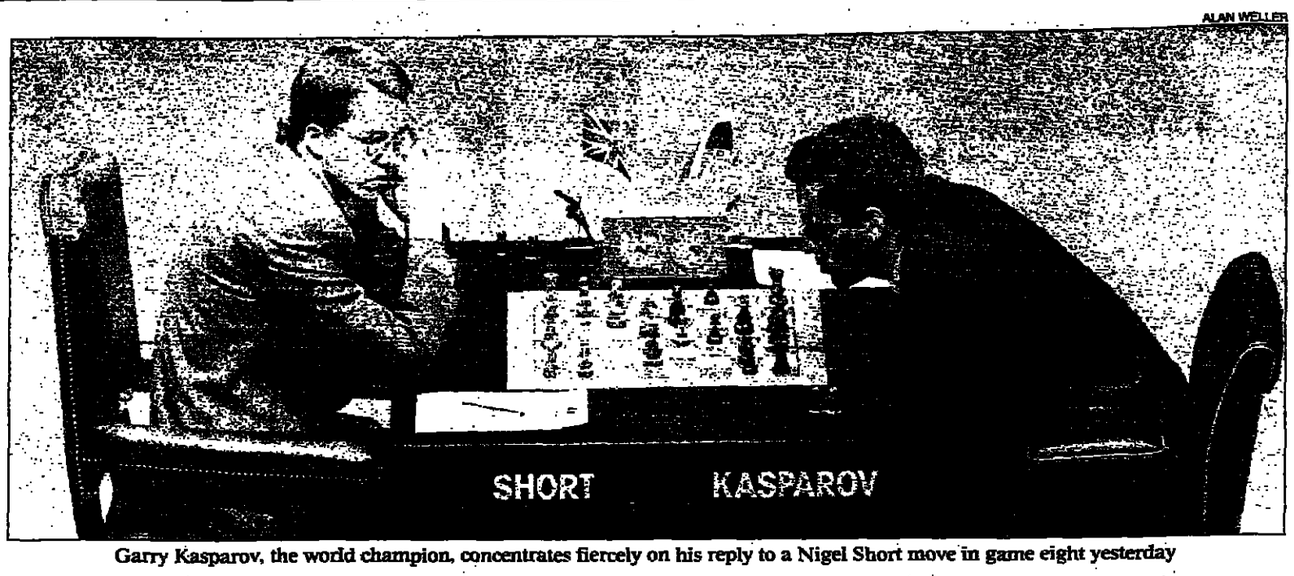
After 19 moves Short had one pawn in compensation for Kasparov's extra bishop, but the champion's king was, at least temporarily, pinned down in the centre of the board. The general opinion was that Short's sacrifice was speculative.

White: Nigel Short
Black: Garry Kasparov
Sicilian Defence

1	e4	c5
2	Nf3	d6
3	d4	cxd4
4	Nxd4	Nf6
5	Nc3	a6
6	Bc4	e6
7	Bb3	Nbd7
8	f4	Nc5
9	e5	dxe5
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33	Nf7+	Kh7
34	Ng5+	Kh6
35	Bxh8+	Qg6
36	Nf7+	Kh7
37	Qe7	Qxg2
38	Be5	Qf1+
39	Kd2	Qf2+
40	Kd3	Qf3+
41	Kd2	Qf2+

Draw agreed

ALAN WELLER



Garry Kasparov, the world champion, concentrates fiercely on his reply to a Nigel Short move in game eight yesterday

☐ *Amsterdam:* Anatoly Karpov, the Russian former world champion, and Jan Timman, the Dutch grandmaster, agreed a draw on Thursday yesterday on the 11th move of the 11th game of the rival Fide world chess championship.

Karpov holds his lead in the match at two points, with the score now 6½ to 4½.

According to unsubstantiated reports yesterday, the Sultan of Oman has withdrawn the £1.4 million prize fund for the Fide match. After Saturday's 12th game in Amsterdam, the second half of the 24-game match is due to be played in Oman.

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Seconds count in Savoy title fight

BY DANIEL JOHNSON AT THE SAVOY THEATRE

TWO questions were on every spectator's lips at *The Times* World Chess Championship, in which Nigel Short is trailing Garry Kasparov. How serious a blow to Short has been the loss of his trainer and chief second, Lubosh Kavalek, who flew back to Washington ten days ago; and would it help Short's dwindling chances if his team was now reinforced?

Seconds play a quiet but vital role in world championship chess. They help the players to prepare for every eventuality in the opening, with new moves (or "theoretical novelties") to entrap the opponent. They are also vital in the event that a game is unfinished after 60 moves and must be adjourned overnight. Then, and only then, are they allowed to offer advice during the game.

Speaking on Channel 4 yesterday Short's manager, Michael Stean, insisted that there had been no dispute and that anyway Kavalek's departure made no difference. Short's other seconds, Jon Speelman and (after a short absence) the German grandmaster Robert Hübner, are still with him. He told *The Times*: "Kavalek's departure has made no difference to the score." Himself a grandmaster with experience as a second at world championship level, Stean knows what he is talking about. It is also his job to present Short's challenge in the best light. But others are doubtful.

Raymond Keene, who was Viktor Korchnoi's second when he lost a title match to Anatoly Karpov in 1978, believes that to dispense with the services of his second after only three games in a 24-game series is a psychological setback.

"Quite apart from the loss of technical advice in openings and adjournments, to part company from a friend who has been with you for three years and has helped to get you to the top is extremely serious. The speculation must be that there was tension between Kavalek, his old retainer, and the new blood brought in for this match."

Kasparov's formidable team of three top grandmasters from the former Soviet Union has served him well in this match so far. But in the five world championship matches Kasparov has played against his rival Anatoly Karpov, the seconds have been a source of endless controversy. In their third match in 1986, Kasparov fired one of his seconds, Evgeny Vladimirov, for allegedly passing on secret prepared variations to Karpov, which had caused Kasparov to lose several games. The loss of a second towards the end of a match, however, did little damage and Kasparov retained his title.

Another of his seconds, Mikhail Gurevich, claimed that he was offered a $30,000 bribe to pass opening secrets to Karpov before their fourth match at Seville in 1987, but he refused. Recent discoveries in KGB archives confirm that dirty tricks involving seconds did indeed take place in the former Soviet Union.



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Police accuse Howard of savaging officers' rights

By Stewart Tendler
Crime Correspondent

■ Senior officers talk of industrial action and condemn the lack of consultation that preceded the home secretary's initiative

POLICE should insist on the right to strike and force the government into proper consultation on reforms, a national conference of senior officers was told yesterday.

The call came as the traditionally conservative Police Superintendents' Association halted its annual conference in Torquay to debate emergency motions condemning plans by Michael Howard for new discipline measures.

The home secretary announced on Wednesday his proposal to end a police officer's right to silence and legal representation at discipline hearings. The changes would bring police management nearer the commercial world.

Yesterday, as delegates criticised Mr Howard for acting while talks were still taking place on change, Supt Paul Gorman, of Devon and Cornwall, told the conference that police should have the right to strike. He compared industrial action to nuclear deterrent. It had never been used and led to peace. "Consultation is a joke. The Home Office has a clear agenda. They will listen but they will not bow to your view," he said.

His comments brought protests from the conference. One officer earned loud applause after saying he did not want to see any message that suggested the superintendents were in favour of strike.

But Chief Supt Tim Hillier, City of London, told delegates: "I think we have been shafted on this. We are going to be shafted on the Sheehy report."



Howard: invited police to meeting next week

Mr Hillier later added: "I was trying to express my concern that we were moving inexorably down the road to industrial methods of dealing with the police. This is not what I want and I don't want to see the right to strike."

Association officials agreed that talk of industrial action was unprecedented. They said it showed the depth of feeling over government plans, including the Sheehy report on police pay and a white paper changing police structures.

Det Supt Bill Grahamslaw, Metropolitan police, told delegates: "It's not justice that is on trial. It is the Tory government. We have to mobilise action to make them reject these plans."

Chief Supt Brian MacKenzie, the association's vice-president, said the discipline proposals removed basic human rights. He said: "These proposals will be exploited by unscrupulous criminals and dodgy lawyers."

The 150 delegates unanimously passed a motion accusing Mr Howard of a savage attack on the rights of police officers that would do nothing to help the fight against crime. The conference was appalled by the lack of any effective consultation.

Last night, Sergeant Richard Coyles, chairman of the Police Federation, told a meeting of the Devon and Cornwall officers that the plans for discipline machinery abolished almost every legal safeguard. "We understand and share the home secretary's wish to ensure that corrupt police officers are rooted out of the service. But to devise a system which enshrines the instant judgment of a drumhead court martial is a travesty of justice."

The government has invited leaders of all police staff associations to a meeting next week on police reform with Mr Howard and his colleagues in the Scottish and Northern Ireland offices.



Sandra Gregory, who admits possessing heroin but denies trafficking, is likely to spend the new year in a Thai jail after her trial was adjourned yesterday. Gregory, 28, from Sowerby Bridge, West Yorkshire, and Robert Lock, 29, of Cambridge, who denies trafficking, were arrested at Bangkok airport on February 6.

Britain leads move to relax water laws

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

BRITAIN is spearheading an initiative designed to bring about sweeping changes to Europe's 13-year-old drinking water laws. It could lead to a relaxation of many current pesticide limits.

Yesterday, representatives from Europe's water supply industry, with government officials, environmentalists and farmers, met European Commission officials to argue the case for revisions of the 1980 Drinking Water Directive. The directive has failed to keep pace with the latest scientific evidence and is causing unnecessary distress among consumers, the industry claims.

The move, which has support from the British government and OfWat, the water consumer regulator, follows concern that the costs of cleaning up many substances in tap water bear no relation to health risks.

Implementing all of the water-related directives could cost £45 billion over the next seven years, making it harder to tackle genuine health issues, such as lead in supplies, which have been linked with brain damage in children.

Britain's Water Services Association told the commission that standards should be brought in line with World Health Organisation guidelines to be published in November. These list individually 35 of the most popular pesticides, relaxing limits for 12, tightening two and leaving the rest untouched.

The current directive has a blanket ban on any pesticide found at levels above 0.1 micrograms per litre of water. This was based on the levels of detection prevailing in the 1970s rather than on toxicological data.

Environmentalists claim that weakening the existing directive may harm public health as the long-term effects of man-made chemicals are unknown. But John Fowell, principal toxicologist at the Water Research Centre near Marlow, Buckinghamshire, and one of the men behind the WHO's guidelines, dismissed this as nonsense. "There are some pretty spectacular safety margins," he said.

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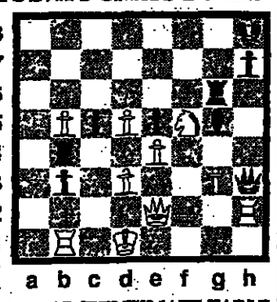
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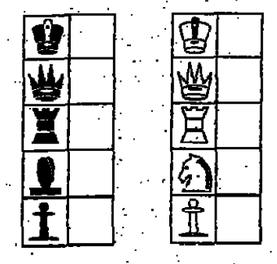
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'If we can seize our opportunity, there is no glass ceiling for the party'

Don't betray principles to win votes, says Ashdown

By Sheila Gunn
Political Correspondent

LIBERAL DEMOCRATS IN TORQUAY



PADDY Ashdown warned Liberal Democrat activists yesterday not to throw away the party's chance to play big-time politics by betraying their *principles in the battle for* votes.

Dropping the triumphalist talk about becoming prime minister and taking power, the party leader sent his troops home from their annual conference on a note of realism, predicting that failure to satisfy their voters' hopes, would turn the recent election successes into "just another third-party surge. But if we can rise to the challenge," he said, "if we can seize our opportunity, then I promise you there is no glass ceiling for the Liberal Democrats."

Mr Ashdown, wearing the Manchester Olympic bid's blue and red striped tie, abandoned any reticence about attacking John Major personally with a sneering denunciation of "a phantom prime minister" and an empty room in No 10. To the amusement of the conference, he recited:

As I was going up the stair
I met a man who wasn't there.
He wasn't there again today
I wish, I wish he'd go away.

He also turned on Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, for pursuing "appeasement" policies in Bosnia-Herzegovina. Clearly hoping his disciplined, businesslike tone would be adopted by his 4,500 councillors and other activists, Mr Ashdown predicted that playing in "the big time" would bring them under scrutiny. "If you make a mistake in your council chamber, it will hurt wherever we seek trust and power. If we, in our campaigns, do not adhere to the highest standards for which our party stands, we will suffer everywhere."

Never betray your principles in the battle for votes, he instructed them, in the wake of the allegations of racism by his Tower Hamlets councillors. "We have to understand in this party that there is a difference between populism and winning popular support for our ideas."

With representatives widely judging it to be his best conference speech since he became leader in 1988, he lifted their spirits after a rather flat week at conference, overshadowed — as in Harrogate last year — by outside events. The main target of his attack were "wannabe" Conservatives who sought power to get rich quick.

"I wannabe secretary of state, privatise an industry and then join the board," he mimicked. "I wannabe Chancellor of the Exchequer, wreck the economy, humiliate the government — and join a bank in the City."

Time and again, the interests of the nation are subordinated to the interests of the Conservative party, he said. "But that is the way of the modern Conservative party: no dishonour too great; no deal too shady; no price too high to pay; provided they can stay in office and their party can stay in power."

The party leader offered John Smith some home truths, despite fresh proof this week that most party activists feel closer to Labour than to the Tories. Labour had wasted a year and showed every sign of wasting another, he said, without recognising the great movement for reform. However, perhaps with the next election in mind, he did not mention Mr Smith by name.

Mr Ashdown also spelled out the party's fresh approach to taxation, where any new or increased tax is earmarked for a specific and stated purpose.



Ghostbuster Paddy lifts off to rescue Earth

PADDY Ashdown's great speech was almost never delivered. Minutes before it was due to start your sketchwriter was stuck outside the conference centre, barred from entry. "There's a notice," said a fierce Liberal lady, "no admission after 11.30".

A young woman rushed up: "Quick, quick, let me in! I've pages for Paddy's speech. His AutoCue's playing up and we're trying to sort it out".

"Sorry, *nobody* passes".

"But it's for Paddy. He won't be able to speak without the AutoCue. *Please* let me in; please." She burst into tears. They let her in. I followed. I sat in an overflow gallery above. From here I could see the camouflaged mechanism of Paddy's AutoCue system, beamed from a bank of foliage fringing the platform.

He is mastering the AutoCue technique well, achieving this year, a natural, less mechanical style. Watching the moving script beaming up from the aspidistras, I was especially impressed by his delivery of the line "We must become the breath of fresh air blowing through our democracy". Paddy, the aerosol of British politics.

The platform party had shuffled in and sat down before him. "We have arrived. Take us to your leader." The audience was hushed. Then on stalked Captain Paddy and Jane — Charles Kennedy leaping up, and clapping them in like a sea lion at a dolphinarium. All sat. Paddy began.

It was a good speech, one of his best. He is learning to ham a little less, moving from the early Wolfit towards the later McKellen. References to his recent sojourns as an ordinary man, among the people, were shrewdly underplayed. I believe it was the Buddha who in youth disguised himself as a pauper and moved anonymously among the poor. Paddy plainly intends to strike a similar chord. It's a very, very clever idea, whose genius the media are slow to grasp, but will. Mr Ashdown was wise not to push it too hard yesterday.

Instead he sketched for us scenes which seem to be taken from the pages of a *Marvel* comic: Paddy the self-appointed commander of the planet — a sort of cosmic ghostbuster. The leap was startling. From taking control of the Dorset county council, Paddy launched himself into a role which was not just national but stellar — organising a UN world peacekeeping force, its operations based in the UK. But he was not alone in his mission to rescue Earth. By his side on Starship *LibDem* sat Simon Hughes — Ecoman — and Menzies Campbell QC — Ming the Merciless. Liz Lynne — the lovely Karla — and a handful of space-cadets recruited at by-elections, served coffee.

CONFERENCE SKETCH

Matthew Parris

The audience loved it. In Liberal mythology the theme of the young warrior, undecorated with the trappings of worldly authority, but armed with courage and sanctified by purity, runs deep. I suppose we must blame Paddy's predecessor, the Boy David, whose biographer chose *Against Goliath* as his title. By the end of Mr Ashdown's speech we had conquered poverty and slain crime. Racism was vanquished and the economy rebuilt. Paddy strode the solar system and — yes — "Fellow Liberal Democrats ... this is not the end, it is not even the beginning of the end, but, for us, it is the end of the beginning."

He stalked off. The hall erupted. He stalked back. He appeared to be taking an encore. Would he, we wondered, if we shouted "more" with sufficient force, offer us highlights of his performance in a reprise? Could the AutoCue cope? Go on Paddy, do that bit — about the little girl in Moss Side — just one more time.

Election pledge on pensions dropped

By Arthur Leathley, Political Staff

LIBERAL Democrat leaders won a critical victory yesterday over plans to scale down their spending commitments to pensioners. Proposals to withdraw the party's general election pledge to increase pensions in line with earnings were endorsed despite a challenge from Archie Kirkwood, the social security spokesman.

Party leaders fear that linking pensions to earnings could place an unaffordable burden on taxpayers as the proportion of pensioners to those of working age increases by one-third over the next 40 years.

Party policy-makers believe that by increasing pensions in relation to price rises, which tend to be lower than pay increases, they can target more money towards those in greatest need through "top-up" pensions. Officials were concerned that a vote against targeting pensions towards the poorest could disrupt party plans to examine how other benefit systems, such as child benefit, can be aimed more directly towards those in greatest need.

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EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT

How the Vacancies Service works

Engineering and technology courses are listed for the last time today by The Times Degree Vacancies Service as clearing ends. The race for places became a competition for candidates as universities and colleges struggled to fill their courses.

Admissions officers report little change since *The Times* last published vacancies in engineering and technology on Tuesday. Traditional universities have fared best, with 52 courses removed by Liverpool, Leeds, Brunel, Keele, Reading and Essex.

However, business has been sluggish for the former polytechnics with none filling courses since Tuesday. Many places are certain to remain empty as the new term begins. One admissions officer said it was "absolutely unbelievable" that clearing was so quiet this year.

All the courses listed on this page still had vacancies yesterday. The codes following each university or college name are those appearing in the UCCA or PCAS handbook for 1993 entry. Where a figure appears in brackets, it gives the institution's estimate of the number of A-level points required for entry.

Points are calculated on the normal UCCA scale, using a maximum of three A-levels. An A grade is worth ten points, B eight, C six, D four and E two. An A grade at AS-level counts as five points, B four, C three, D two and E one point.

● *The Times* listings are compiled from universities' own returns. Not all institutions are included because some provide information to the admissions bodies and official agencies only.

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City: H420 (16), H412 (24), H400 (18)
Glasgow: H400 (14) HHK5 (14), HH13 (14)
Manchester: H400 (22), H401 (22), I420 (22)
Salford: H400 (12)

AGRICULTURAL ENG
Cranfield (Silsoe): H330
Newcastle: H330 (12)

BUILDING
Bath: K124
London, UC: K200 (12)
Strathclyde: K220 (18)
Ulster: K100 (14), K202 (12)

CERAMICS
Leeds: J300 (12)

CHEMICAL ENG
Bath: H800 (20)
Bradford: H890, H893, H894, H800, H891, H892, H803
Exeter: H800
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CIVIL ENGINEERING
Bath: H201 (16)
Bradford: H241 (10), H223 (4)
City: H200 (14), H209 (20), H206 (12)
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Exeter: H201
Glasgow: H200 (12), H2F6 (12)
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Bath: H580 (16), H620 (16), HH56 (16)
Birmingham: HH56 (20)
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Leeds: H6H5 (12)
Leicester: H580
London, Kings: HH36 (18), HH56 (18), HH57 (18), HH65 (18), H602 (18)
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Castro's opponents grow bolder as ideology collapses

FROM DAVID ADAMS IN MIAMI

■ Havana's latest economic reforms are a significant shift away from Marxism. Cubans are speculating whether President Castro will be able to keep pace with change

AS CUBA'S retreat from Marxism gathers pace in the face of economic hardship, opponents of Communist party rule are growing bolder, despite threats from party officials that they would "bash heads" at the first sign of unruliness.

In the past week Cuban officials have announced two economic reforms allowing the creation of small businesses and the private use of unused state land for farming. Officials have hinted that other steps towards a market economy are to follow.

The reforms come as reports grow of street protests in Havana at night. On Sunday the Catholic church called from pulpits nationwide for a national dialogue to avert "explosions of irrational violence".

The latest reforms are a significant ideological shift since the government nationalised all businesses in the late 1960s. In July, President Castro announced the legalisation of the American dollar, marking a watershed in the island's move towards a mixed economy.

Many Cubans are not waiting to find out what the new rules are, engaging in whatever small business they can to survive, from carpentry to shining shoes and selling jam. That has left many people angry. State salaries are worth only £3 to £5 a month, while small-time entrepreneurs can make five times as much. Families with access to dollar remittances from abroad have become the new elite, while followers of Dr Castro, army officers and state workers, have been relegated to second-class citizens by the revolution they made.

Arturo Villar, a Miami businessman who travels regularly to Havana, said: "They feel let down by Fidel because they feel that he just threw up his hands and said, 'This is the end of socialism. From now on it's everyone on their own'."

Captain Enio Ravelo, a fighter pilot who defected to the United States last Friday, said he left because Dr Castro had "sold out" the revolution. He said many military officers were bitter over the decision to lift the dollar ban, adding that the air force would not defend Dr Castro if Cuba came under attack. "They would all desert."

Now that the government has accepted moves towards capitalism, people are speculating whether Dr Castro will be able to keep pace with change or whether reform will snowball out of control. Those arguing the latter are pointing to statistics on the Cuban economy. The island's buying power has fallen to $2.2 billion (£1.45 billion) from $8.1 billion in 1989. The gross domestic product fell 24 per cent in 1991 and a further 15 per cent in 1992. This year Cuba announced its worst sugar harvest in three decades, down 40 per cent.

On Sunday priests read to parishioners a 17-page statement from the Cuban Conference of Catholic Bishops. In its strongest attack on the communist system since the 1960s, the church accused the government of denying numerous political and civil rights and blamed it for a "deterioration of the moral climate". It said: "We must ask ourselves seriously why it is that so many Cubans want to leave — and do leave — their homeland."



Castro: followers feel let down by capitalist shift

Communist party officials responded bitterly, saying that the church was a tool of American imperialism. A party newspaper editorial called the statement "a stab in the back at this most difficult, decisive and heroic moment".

As Cuba's energy supplies dwindle in the absence of subsidies from Moscow, small groups have taken advantage of nightly power blackouts to stage unprecedented protests against Dr Castro, smashing the windows of official buildings, looting shops and spraying anti-government graffiti on walls. Visitors have seen slogans declaring "Down with Fidel" and "We want food". The words are usually painted over by government workers.

Last week General Sixto Batista, head of the national network of Committees for the Defence of the Revolution, gave a warning that "the streets belong to the revolutionaries . . . if we have to bash heads, we will bash heads". *Granma*, the Communist party newspaper, said in an editorial: "Delinquents and anti-social elements who try to create disorder and an atmosphere of mistrust and impunity in our society will receive a crushing reply."

Mr Villar said: "I really sense the potential for violence and for an explosion. I see the beginning of anarchy. Castro has lost people's respect and there's no authority in Cuba."



A supporter of General Muhammad Farrah Aidid tearing up an American flag with his teeth during a rally in Mogadishu of 200 people yesterday at which an ambulance arrived to collect blood for the fugitive Somali warlord's wounded fighters. A crowd quickly gathered around the vehicle and scuffles broke out as people jostled each other to be the first to give blood. The Somali National Alliance started holding twice-weekly demonstrations outside a stadium in the south of Mogadishu after US-led United Nations forces attacked General Aidid's headquarters in June to retaliate for the killings of peacekeepers. Enraged demonstrators regularly tear up small Stars and Stripes and stuff them into their mouths at the rallies. Fifty-three members of the multinational UN forces and hundreds of Somalis, including many women and children, have been killed in the virtual guerrilla war surrounding the hunt for the general. *(AFP)*

Poland's new rich ride the Baltic Sea bubble

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN WARSAW

THERE is little of the economic discontent that catapulted Poland's former communists back to parliament to be found along Nowi Swiat, the smartest shopping street in Warsaw.

The boutiques and jewellers are crammed with expensive goods, the pavements crowded with shoppers, many spending as well as looking on enviously. A new Swiss chronograph is a snip at seven million zloties (£235), as long as the buyer is one of the city's new rich, a member of the growing minority which is making a lot of fast money by exploiting the opportunities that capitalism offers.

Warsaw, like other Eastern bloc capitals, is a city superficially transformed. Poles can buy a new Mercedes or BMW, and there is barely a Lada or Trabant to be seen among the traffic jams that clog the city centre. McDonald's and Burger King jostle for space with shops selling Western jeans and computers, and travel agencies offer trips to Cyprus, Greece and Tunisia. Five-star hotels, such as the newly refurbished Bristol where the cheapest room costs more than £100 a night, are crowded with Western businessmen discussing deals with their Polish partners.

Even the reformed communists who make up the Democratic Left Alliance (SLD) that is set to lead Poland's next coalition government were careful not to mention Lenin or Marx in their election campaign. Instead they promised merely to slow the pace of economic reform.

The great buildings that housed the power centres of communism have also been transformed. The old party central committee headquarters is now Warsaw's stock exchange and the Palace of Culture is now a complex of shops and foreign joint venture companies, with a funfair beside it.

Some worry that Warsaw's consumer boom is merely a Baltic Sea bubble, without any firm economic foundation. "The consumer economy is booming but nobody wants to build a new steel foundry," said one Western diplomat.

However, wherever there are economic winners, there must be losers. A gypsy woman sits holding her baby on a street corner, both swaddled tight against the autumn breeze; an old lady struggles with her almost empty shopping trolley. About a third of families in Poland live on or below the poverty line, say SLD officials, citing government statistics.

Life for peasants has changed little since communism collapsed, because most agriculture was always in private hands. Somewhere between the new rich, the old poor and the farmers are other Poles, such as Stanislaw Gastowski, 37. A steelworker in the foundry town of Nowa Huta and a supporter of the outgoing Democratic Alliance, he says he is ready to wait for what he hopes will be better times. "Life is not that much better yet, but I am patient. I have a job, I live in a democracy and I have freedom, which means a lot."

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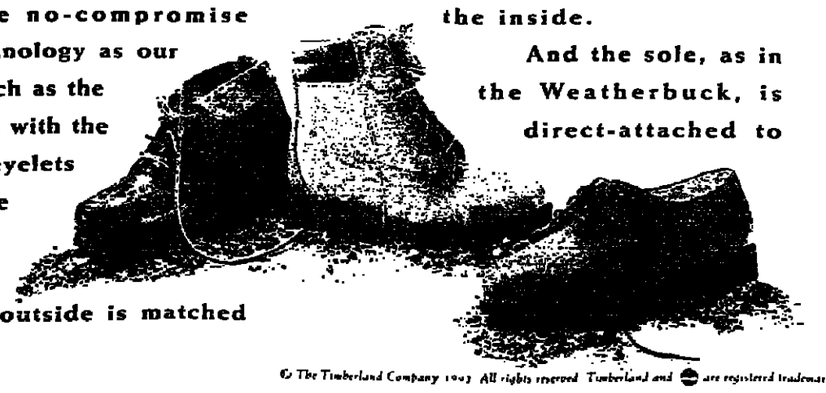
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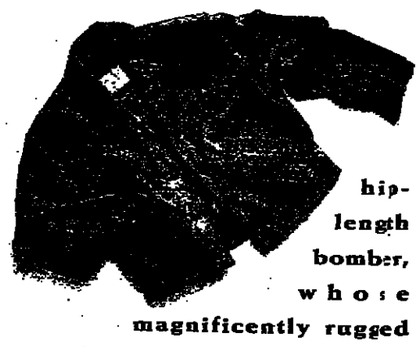
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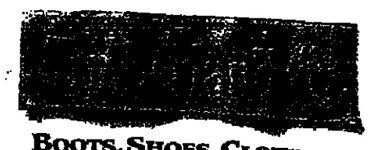
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South Africa parliament clears way to democracy

■ Right-wing MPs walked out after a bill crucial to the all-race elections was passed. In the townships the search for peace is becoming increasingly desperate

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN IN JOHANNESBURG

SOUTH Africa took an important step towards democracy yesterday when parliament passed legislation giving blacks their first taste of political power.

Parliament's approval of a Transitional Executive Council (TEC) to oversee the run-up to next April's first all-race elections also opens the way to the repeal of the remaining non-military sanctions against South Africa. Nelson Mandela, president of the African National Congress, is expected to call for their lifting when he addresses the United Nations committee against apartheid in New York today.

Parliament also passed two other bills dealing with the elections. They were the independent media commission bill, which aims to prevent unfair use of government-owned newspapers and the broadcasting media during the election campaign, and the independent electoral commission bill.

The TEC bill was approved over the objections of the right-wing Conservative Party and the Inkatha Freedom Party. Ferdi Hartzenberg, the Conservative leader, said the legislation was a constitutional revolution that would transfer power to the ANC-Communist Party alliance. He said Afrikaners would never subject themselves to its provisions, adding that the opportunity for a peaceful solution to South Africa's problems had been destroyed.



De Klerk: will be asked to discuss peace plan

Immediately the Speaker announced the result — the bill was passed by 211 votes to 36 in a joint sitting of the three houses of the parliament — Mr Hartzenberg said that the government had finally put its foot on the path of abdication. He then asked that his party be excused from the rest of the session, which ends today, and led his MPs from the chamber.

In the townships on the eastern Witwatersrand the death toll continues to rise, provoking increasingly desperate calls for peace and the launch of a national peace-pledge signature campaign. The organisers of the signature crusade, the National Peace Campaign, which organised the national day of peace at the beginning of the month, now plan a gathering of the country's leaders at which the peace petitions will be presented. The leaders will be from other spheres, including the political.

The organisers say the leaders will be asked to discuss a common strategy for peace. They will include President de Klerk, Mr Mandela and Chief Mangosuthu Buthelezi, the chief minister of KwaZulu and president of Inkatha.

"To associate themselves with this event, we are calling on all South Africans to switch off their lights and light a candle for peace," Jayendra Naidoo, a trade union leader who acts as the convener of the National Peace Campaign, said. Campaign officials expect to gather at least seven million signatures. "This is an awareness campaign," Mr Naidoo said.

In the strife-torn township of Thokoza yesterday, even the dead were not left undisturbed by conflict. Forty victims of violence, their charred bodies unrecognised and unclaimed by relatives, were to have been buried in a mass grave. Watched by clerics, journalists and peace workers, 16 bodies had been lowered into the grave when a gang of youths arrived and drove the spectators off. Eventually, the bodies were buried under the watchful eyes of police and peace monitors in two armoured cars.

Barge 'hit rail bridge just before Alabama disaster'

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN NEW YORK

THE railway bridge which collapsed, sending an Amtrak train hurtling into an Alabama swamp and killing at least 45 people, might have been critically damaged when a heavy barge collided with one of its supports in heavy fog minutes earlier, federal investigators said.

Divers were still searching the murky alligator-infested waters of Big Bayou Canot, just north of Mobile, in the increasingly hopeless search for survivors yesterday. Of the 206 passengers thought to be travelling on the Sunset Limited train from Los Angeles to Miami, 158 had been rescued. At least three, and perhaps as many as a dozen passengers were still missing, according to the Mobile coastguard.

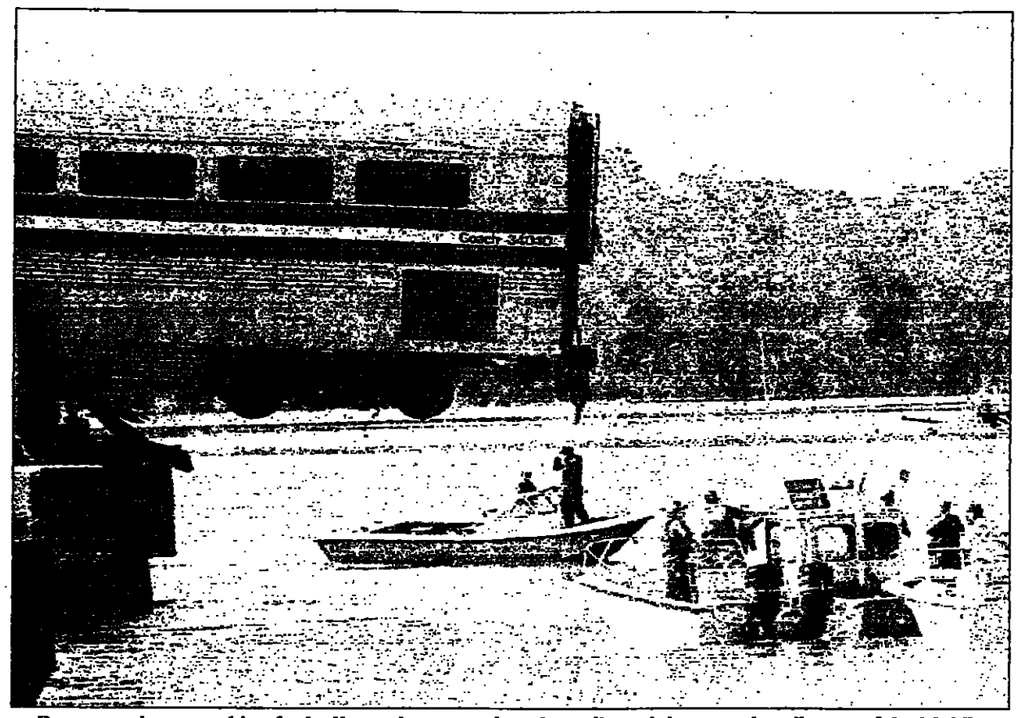
A spokeswoman at the British consulate in Atlanta said Amtrak had provided a list of 19 Britons who might be on the train, of whom 16 were "safe, sound and accounted for". It was not clear whether the remaining three had been on the train in the first place.

Police have impounded barges belonging to the Warrior & Gulf navigation company. Charles Archer, an FBI spokesman, said the accident occurred immediately after a line of barges struck the bridge in the dark. Harold Johnson, the Mobile police chief, met federal prosecutors yesterday to discuss possible criminal charges.

But at least one witness, Clifford Hurst, a British passenger and train enthusiast, said an obviously damaged track had caused the accident.



Hurst: blamed crash on damaged rail



Rescue workers searching for bodies under an overhanging rail coach in a marshy tributary of the Mobile river, Alabama. At least 45 people were killed after an Amtrak train plunged off a collapsed bridge

Clinton steps up media health blitz

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

President Clinton yesterday mobilised his administration to build on the momentum of his impassioned televised address to Congress in which he demanded reform of the world's "costliest and most wasteful" health care system before late next year.

His senior officials monopolised television chat shows to promote what Mr Clinton suggested was America's most ambitious social legislation since Roosevelt established the social security system more than 50 years ago, and they appeared at hospitals, shopping centres and seminars from New York to Los Angeles. Mr Clinton held a rally of 2,000 health care professionals on the south lawn of the White House, while 60 radio hosts broadcast from the north lawn.

Two instant polls showed 55 and 56 per cent support for the plan Mr Clinton outlined, with 20 and 24 per cent respectively opposed. But the plan's many opponents were marshalling their forces for a counter-attack when the White House sends the legislation to Congress next month.

Mr Clinton dazzled with his TV salesmanship on Wednesday night, offering Americans a pain-free vision of "health care that can never be taken away, health care that is always there".

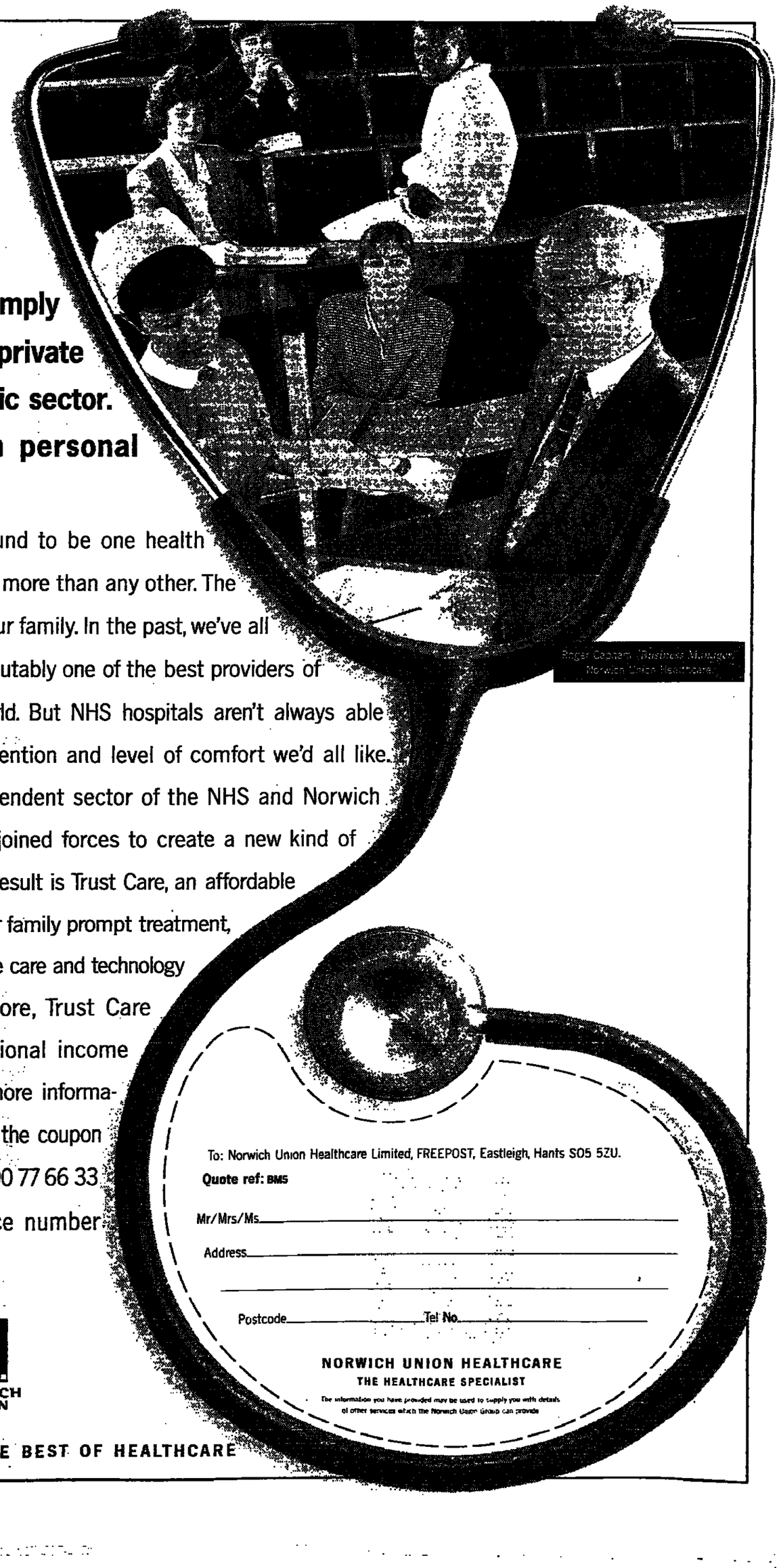
The president dwelt at length on the security that universal health coverage would provide, but largely skirted the tough underlying questions. He insisted that he could finance his $440 billion (£290 billion) plan through a tobacco tax, greater competition and eliminating waste. "The vast majority of the Americans watching this tonight will pay the same or less for health care coverage that will be the same or better than the coverage they have tonight," he promised. Mr Clinton said Americans would retain the right to choose their doctors, but failed to add they would be charged extra for that.

"This health care system of ours is badly broken, and it is time to fix it," he said. Its soaring costs were ruining thousands of people, crippling businesses and eroding America's international competitiveness. He challenged Congress to "answer the call of history" and appealed for bipartisan support.

The Republicans have endorsed the idea of universal health cover, but their official response to Mr Clinton's address contrasted sharply with his conciliatory tone. Carroll Campbell, the South Carolina governor, called the plan a "giant social experiment devised by theorists who have never met a payroll". He said it would eliminate consumer choice by foisting a "one size fits all" system on people, create a huge government bureaucracy, and destroy jobs by mandating employer health contributions.

The American Medical Association, the country's biggest doctors' organisation, said it would neither support nor oppose the plan, saying some elements were good and others bad.

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Rabin wins Knesset vote to ratify deal with Palestinians

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN JERUSALEM

■ Rebel Israeli right-wingers have endorsed the peace accord with the Palestine Liberation Organisation, highlighting splits in the opposition Likud party

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, yesterday silenced his hardline critics when he won a comfortable majority in parliament, removing the final obstacle to the country's historic peace accord with the Palestine Liberation Organisation.

After three days of noisy debate, the single-chamber 120-member Knesset ratified the agreement by 61 votes to 50. Eight MPs, including three from the main opposition Likud party, abstained and another was abroad.

"The era of conflict is over," said Shimon Peres, the foreign minister and architect of the peace accord. "Now we will build a new Middle East."

The vote removed the threat of fresh elections or a referendum on the agreement, which grants self-rule to Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, followed by a withdrawal of Israeli forces from the rest of the occupied territories. The Knesset also endorsed Mr Rabin's recognition of the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and approved an agenda for peace talks with Jordan.

Before the vote, and even while the MPs were recording their decisions, right-wing opponents attempted to undermine the agreement by street demonstrations, impassioned speeches and verbal assaults against speakers from the ruling left-wing coalition parties.



"Our best sons will be turned into prisoners and hostages within a non-Jewish population," said Yitzhak Shamir, the former prime minister, referring to the fate of 120,000 Jewish settlers, whom he encouraged to move into the occupied territories. "There is only one way to save us: direct elections at this hour could give the people time to open their eyes, reflect and return to their senses."

But his appeals failed to impress even some of his own Likud members and the key ultra-orthodox Shas party, whose six members abstained or were absent from the vote.

Meir Shitreet, a Likud MP who defied the party line and abstained, said the once populist right-wing movement could be destined for the wilderness if it continued to reject the peace deal. "Likud is positioning itself at the right edge of the political map ... this is political suicide."

Assad Assad, a Druze Muslim and another Likud abstainer, said he was torn between loyalty to party and people. "Forgive me for obeying the dictates of my people, of my conscience," he said.

The result was warmly received by the Palestinians. "It is a first step. We have finished with the easy part," said Hanan Ashrawi, the Palestinian spokeswoman. "The difficult part is a challenge to both of us. We have to become partners for peace rather than adversaries in conflict."



A Jewish settler praying yesterday while a bulldozer razes a site near the Beth El settlement in the El Bireh area of the West Bank. One hundred settlers were dragged away by Israeli soldiers while trying to take over Palestinian land

France tempers war talk on Gatt

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

FRANCE signalled yesterday that it was keen to defuse the row over farm trade with the United States and needed breathing space to sell a compromise to its public.

"We want to tone down the war talk and de-dramatise the atmosphere," a government official said. Paris wanted to settle its objections to the Blair House farm trade pact with Washington for the new General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt) round by December 15, despite its opposition to what it regards as an American deadline, officials said.

Their conciliatory comments appeared to confirm that Edouard Balladur, the prime minister, was preparing the ground for persuading the powerful farming lobby that it should compromise. Although officials insisted the draft accord was unfair to farmers, they indicated flexibility on key points, including their main objection: a cut of 21 per cent in the European Community's subsidised exports. France could let the figure stand if its impact was softened, they said.

Saddam puts cork on public high spirits

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN CAIRO

PRESIDENT Saddam Hussein yesterday stepped up Iraq's clampdown on wine, women and song, which since the imposition of UN sanctions in 1990 has transformed Baghdad from the liveliest Arab capital into one of the dullest.

A new decree banned all Muslims in Iraq from selling liquor but allowed them to continue drinking it, a move regarded as hypocritical by a number of the more extreme Islamic governments. Saddam and his eldest son Uday are noted imbibers of whisky and cognac.

Diplomats claim that the order has been prompted by growing public resentment at the high living of a corrupt elite, and is a sop to Islamic fundamentalists. It is also seen as an attempt by the Iraqi leader to boost his standing in the Arab world. Since the crackdown against what one senior minister described recently as "denigrating nocturnal activities", 65 nightclubs have been shut down, 18 of them in Baghdad, and more than 600 bars have been closed.

Ironically, before the invasion of Kuwait three years ago, Iraq was a place where other Arabs flocked to escape strict Islamic regulations in their own countries.

Ailing Sihanouk makes mercurial return to throne

FROM JAMES PRINGLE IN BANGKOK

PRINCE Norodom Sihanouk, 71, one of the great political survivors of modern times, returned from China to his native Cambodia yesterday. Today he will take the oath as reinstated king of an impoverished, war-ravaged nation of nine million people.

The ageing prince, who is in poor health, abdicated in 1955 to enter politics and was overthrown in a coup in 1970. Yesterday he inspected a guard of honour under the old royal flag at the airport and acknowledged the enthusiastic cheers of a crowd of welcoming supporters. In a brief address to foreign diplomats before driving to his palace, the prince said Cambodians could be proud that "unity had been achieved".

He did not mention the Khmer Rouge, which is not part of that unity and remains the ghost at the feast in a rejoicing Phnom Penh as it enjoys a specially declared national three-day holiday. "I think we can be strong, with a genuine liberal democracy where the people will be masters of their destiny through their legal representatives in parliament, government and the judiciary," the prince said. He emphasised that the new Cambodian government would "naturally respect all human rights".

While a majority of Cambodians, particularly the 80 per cent who live in the rural areas, welcome Prince Sihanouk's return as figurehead monarch, some educated urban survivors of the 1975-9 Khmer Rouge terror recall that human rights were not always respected under his sometimes arbitrary rule during the 1960s. They remember, too, that his political opponents were often harassed.

The prince's return as king represents a great personal vindication for a statesman who says he has learnt from past mistakes. Diplomats, however, say that this remains to be seen.

At the moment, few people would begrudge the mercurial monarch his moment of triumph in his homeland: he must return to China next Wednesday for an operation to remove a growth near his prostate. His precarious health means that today's ceremonies will be muted. Although the prince is likely to mount the throne, he will not wear the royal crown or hold the sword of state, both of which were lost in the upheavals after he was overthrown in 1970.

With today's promulgation of the constitution bearing Prince Sihanouk's signature, the United Nations mandate in Cambodia effectively ends. Some troops will, however, remain until November, since the Khmer Rouge is still active despite significant numbers of its forces having defected in recent weeks.



Sihanouk: few people begrudge his triumph

Patten warns colony against corruption

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

THE Sino-British negotiations are a bit like Wagner, including the ending when the fat lady sings.

Indeed, a British source observed this week that the declaration by Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, that Peking should not get the Olympics in 2000, indicated that "the fat lady has definitely sung, although I'm not sure exactly where".

Sometimes, even as the fat lady is approaching her final bars, the gods approach others warily. Chris Patten, the Hong Kong governor, has written to his Chinese counterpart, Lu Ping, who oversees all matters relating to Hong Kong in Peking, suggesting a meeting before Sino-British brinkmanship falls over the edge. Mr Lu has not yet replied.

Mr Patten told an audience of foreign bankers on Wednesday that he regarded official corruption, up by 44 per cent compared to last year, "as one of the most serious threats to Hong Kong's future — before and after the transfer of sovereignty".

The governor was talking about China's growing malign influence here. To make it plain he referred to the kind of place where there is a "surcharge" in business deals, to include bribes. It is a matter of common consent that bribery adds 5 per cent to costs when dealing with China. Hong Kong by contrast, Mr Patten said, is one of the least corrupt places anywhere, because it is protected by law and a free press.

Peking, too, is busy singing its final arias. An official said that the lack of progress in the talks, which reach their twelfth round next weekend, is because of Mr Patten's "three violations" of agreements between London and Peking.

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Hardliners press demands to put Yeltsin on trial but sense of defeat is growing

Russian deputies weigh next move against president

BY ANATOL LIEVEN IN MOSCOW AND MICHAEL EVANS

■ For the West a conservative triumph will be worrying. At stake is future control of the huge arsenal of nuclear weapons

RUSSIAN conservative deputies were in few doubts about the difficulty of the task they now face when they gathered last night to consider their next move against President Yeltsin.

Outside the parliament building in Moscow, a crowd of hardliners continues to demand that Yeltsin be brought to trial. Inside, however, many conservatives were already beginning to confront the possibility of defeat.

The defection of Valentin Stepankov, the general prosecutor, to Mr Yeltsin's side, coming on top of the resignation of three leading deputies in protest against moves being made in parliament, has created a widespread sense of defeat. Tamara Ponomaryeva, a deputy of the Agrarian Union, said defiantly: "We think there could be an armed intervention against us, but we are not afraid."

Several conservative deputies believe their only real chance now is that enough regions and autonomous republics will support them to force Mr Yeltsin to a compromise involving simultaneous parliamentary and presidential elections. As to Aleksandr Rutskoi being "acting president", in private deputies do not pretend to take it seriously.

Asked what the Supreme Soviet and the Congress can hope to do to carry out their decisions, Vassili Travov, a Communist deputy, said: "It is true that Yeltsin now has all the power structures with him, and we have none, at any rate in Moscow. But at least the Congress can speak the truth about what is happening to the country. If the people don't listen, then the people will have chosen their own fate."

For the West, the most worrying aspect of the power struggle in Russia is that of the huge arsenal of nuclear weapons built up under communism. At present these are under lock and key and protected from political interference, but if the conservatives triumph the weapons will fall into the control of what the West considers untrustworthy hands.

But, unlike the August 1991 coup attempt, there has been no alarm over the control of Russia's nuclear arms. In the failed coup, the conspirators tried to persuade Mikhail Gorbachev, the Soviet president, to hand over the nuclear codes. He refused, but for several days there was considerable uncertainty over the command and control of the nuclear arsenal.

This time Mr Yeltsin has made it clear that only he and General Pavel Grachev, his defence minister, have access to the nuclear launch codes and that the security system for the weapons remains intact. The commander of the strategic missile forces is Colonel-General Igor Sergeyev, who was appointed by President Yeltsin. He became a general at the age of 39 and took up his present post in August last year. Although all the tactical systems are now held in Russia and are being dismantled, the strategic weapons are still located in four countries, Russia, Ukraine, Kazakhstan and Belorussia. At present the strategic missile forces have about 900 delivery vehicles and more than 3,800 warheads in Russia. Most of the weapons are located in remote areas, far from big cities.

Western military experts said the security surrounding the nuclear weapons and the checks that were carried out were "impressive". One source said: "We regard it as highly unlikely that the military responsible for the weapons would take orders from unauthorised people."

☐ **Tbilisi:** A third Georgian airliner in three days was destroyed yesterday as government forces and Abkhazian rebels battled for control of the Black Sea port of Sukhumi. A government spokesman said many people were injured when a TU134 was hit by an artillery shell while parked on the runway at Sukhumi airport waiting to evacuate war-wounded and refugees from the city.

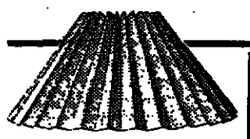
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Moscow deputies discussing the future during a parliamentary break yesterday after they began to face the possibility of defeat

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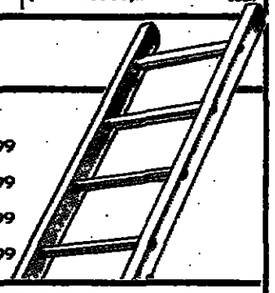
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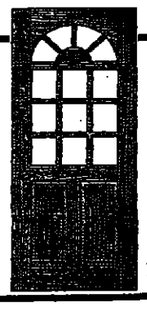
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Uncertain media caught off guard

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

Russia's fledgeling democratic media, still struggling to escape the servile habit of the communist past, has been caught off guard by the events in Moscow. A distinct air of déjà vu has descended on the press and television, significant elements in the fight for power across the vast country, with the public being treated to streams of official statements and exhortations rather than balanced accounts of what is happening.

State television, which remains firmly pro-Yeltsin, has dropped any pretence of objectivity this week. One woman newsreader, resplendent in the bright pink attire and cast iron blonde perm beloved of stars of the screen, began her evening report by reminding viewers that she and her colleagues remain loyal to the Kremlin leader.

Scenes of Boris Yeltsin strolling in the streets of Moscow and reassuring people that he is in full control have been broadcast repeatedly while the pretenders to power, Vice-President Aleksandr Rutskoi and Ruslan Khasbulatov, the parliamentary Speaker, have been given scant opportunity to air their views.

Disorganisation within the opposition camp has not helped its PR efforts. Mr Khasbulatov, usually a suave television performer, is clearly aware that his call for military disobedience and a general strike has backfired and he has now abruptly dropped such notions. Badly in need of an image consultant, he insists on appearing in a black shirt and leather jacket which does nothing for his pasty complexion and makes him look like a gangster — which is exactly how many Yeltsin supporters view him anyway.

Mr Yeltsin has developed into a skilful screen performer; as he announced his decree, he offset the formality of the occasion by sipping a cup of tea to convey relaxed confidence about the outcome.

Parliament has voted to take overall control of the state mass media, but the vote has had no effect. Mr Khasbulatov is particularly outraged to find that his personal show, *Parliamentary Hour*, which he moved to peak viewing time on the second channel recently has been removed from the schedule "for the time being".

The clash between parliament and presidency has come at a time when many newspapers were wavering in their support for Mr Yeltsin and some have been forced to adapt their lives hurriedly now that he looks like emerging as the victor in round one of the contest.

The *Nezavisimaya Gazeta* which supported him during the coup but changed tack over the summer, giving more and more space to the parliamentary argument, has found itself caught between the fronts and could think of no better front page headline yesterday than "They must all be stopped".

President opts for new poll

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Yeltsin. It was scheduled to begin late in the evening despite a stern warning from Mr Chernomyrdin that such a gathering could push the country towards civil conflict.

The meeting failed to reach its quorum of 689 members. Mr Yeltsin had earlier decreed that the travel allowance granted to deputies attending Congress had been cancelled because parliament was now an illegal body. He also cut off its funding from the state budget and took away MPs' diplomatic passports.

The meeting then voted to reduce the quorum, ruling that deputies who supported Mr Yeltsin's decree to dissolve parliament were stripped of their membership of Congress. This effectively eliminates all pro-Yeltsin members and further undermines Congress's claim to be the supreme representative power in the country.

General Pavel Grachev, the defence minister, reiterated the support of the armed forces for Mr Yeltsin, and gave a warning that force could be used to quell any outbreaks of violence by "bandits and provocateurs" and to keep public order.

The opposition camp seems in disarray after statements by the armed forces, security services and government that they remain loyal to Mr Yeltsin. Three senior deputies resigned yesterday with the most highly placed of them, Nikolai Ryabov, the deputy parliamentary Speaker, agreeing to head a commission in charge of organising the December election to a new legislature.

In a further blow to the parliamentary cause, Valentin Stepankov, the public prosecutor, declared that the Supreme Soviet's decision to remove Mr Yeltsin from office and swear in Mr Rutskoi had been illegal, prompting a furious Mr Khasbulatov to call for Mr Stepankov's removal. The prosecutor has previously been an ally of the legislature in the fight with the Kremlin.

The defections from the opposition have clearly shaken Mr Khasbulatov, who accepted publicly for the first time yesterday the possibility that his power base in the Supreme Soviet could be disbanded. "The country is deep in shame. Its prestige is zero," he said. "Whether the parliament stays or goes, this coup d'etat has to be put down."

Mr Chernomyrdin, who is emerging as a valiant supporter of the Russian leader in his time of need, added insult to parliament's injury by saying that he would set up a "deputies' labour exchange" to find new employment now parliament has been dissolved.

Mikhail Gorbachev, the former Soviet president, kept up his attacks on Mr Yeltsin yesterday, saying that the promise of new presidential elections was misleading because the Kremlin would have control of the media and public finances. "How can elections be fair in such circumstances? It is bad for democracy and sets a dangerous precedent," he said.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

French floods in southeast leave 4 dead

Marseilles: Four people were killed, hundreds of cars were washed away and roads and railways cut as rainstorms ravaged southeast France. In the hardest hit region of Aix-en-Provence, two people drowned while trying to flee from their cars on roads which became rivers. *(Reuter)*

Turkish delight

London: Turkey has won its long legal fight to reclaim the multimillion dollar Lydian collection of ancient Greek artifacts from the Metropolitan Museum in New York, which first showed it in 1984.

Tyson loses

Indianapolis: Indiana's supreme court voted not to hear former world heavyweight champion boxer Mike Tyson's appeal against his conviction for raping Desiree Washington. *(Reuter)*

Mia accused

New York: Mia Farrow, the actress, has been accused of having an adulterous affair with Richard Tannenbaum, a lawyer, in a divorce case brought by his wife Hillary, an art director.

Triassic mark

Johannesburg: Palaeontologists unearthed a rare complete 15ft skeleton of a Euskelosaurus, a dinosaur which lived in the Triassic Age, more than 200 million years ago. *(Reuter)*

Draskovic pleads for softer sanctions

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

STUDENTS in Serbia have started to kill themselves because they cannot bear the harsh effects of Western sanctions against the rump Yugoslavia, Vuk Draskovic, the Serb opposition leader, told Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, in London yesterday.

Mr Draskovic, who was beaten and badly injured when he was arrested during a demonstration against the regime of President Milosevic in June, appealed to Britain to press for a relaxation of the sanctions. The leader of the Serbian Renewal Movement told Mr Hurd, at the beginning of a week's official visit to Britain, that the sanctions were helping keep Mr Milosevic in power.

"He can use them as an excuse to disguise the disastrous state of the economy. If I can tell people back home that I have managed to win some relaxation of sanctions, that will persuade them to vote for us. President Milosevic controls the media and that is a main reason he won last year's election," he said. "We want permission for a private airline to fly between Belgrade and Budapest carrying humanitarian aid and passengers. It would be an important symbolic gesture."

Mr Draskovic, who said "fortunately or unfortunately I have never met my president", spent weeks under arrest in hospital after the June demonstration, and says he is only free now because of appeals for his release by John Major and other Western leaders.

Blaming "Balkan Hottentots" for the bloodshed in former Yugoslavia, Mr Draskovic said he believed there would be no early end to the fighting in Bosnia, but that the risk of a new war between Croats and Serbs in Croatia was unlikely "because people are sick of war".

The Serbian opposition leader, whose wife, Danica, is with him in Britain, spoke passionately about the need to restore "democratic forces" to Serbia, though he is unwilling to contemplate a restoration of autonomy for the ethnic Albanian-dominated Kosovo region.

"Kosovo is the Serbian Jerusalem," he said. "Kosovo is the capital of the Serbian nation. Kosovo must remain part of Serbia."

Ethnic Albanians in the region complain of constant harassment from Serb police and Mr Draskovic said that they would have "all human rights" if his party came to power.

As Mr Draskovic spoke, the ravages of war continued. The bodies of 66 Serbs, many of them charred and dismembered, were found in Croatia by the United Nations after a Croatian army incursion into the rebel Serb enclave of Krajina. Shannon Boyd, a UN protection force spokeswoman, said in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, that peacekeepers had seen the bodies and found it impossible to determine whether they were civilians or soldiers because of their condition.

The Croatian government also told the UN that its 14,000 peacekeepers would have to withdraw from the republic by the end of November unless they set a deadline for disarming Serbs holding a third of the country. General Jean Cot, commander of UN peacekeeping forces throughout former Yugoslavia, said the UN would not resist if Croatia did not want its presence. In Bosnia, Croats launched a fierce attack on the Muslim quarter of Mostar, halting an aid convoy to the ghetto where 55,000 Muslims are trapped.

Croat forces also threatened to cut power supplies to Sarajevo where the mainly Muslim parliament is to meet next Tuesday to debate the latest peace plan to end the fighting.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Vuk Draskovic, the Serb opposition leader, in London yesterday at the start of his official visit

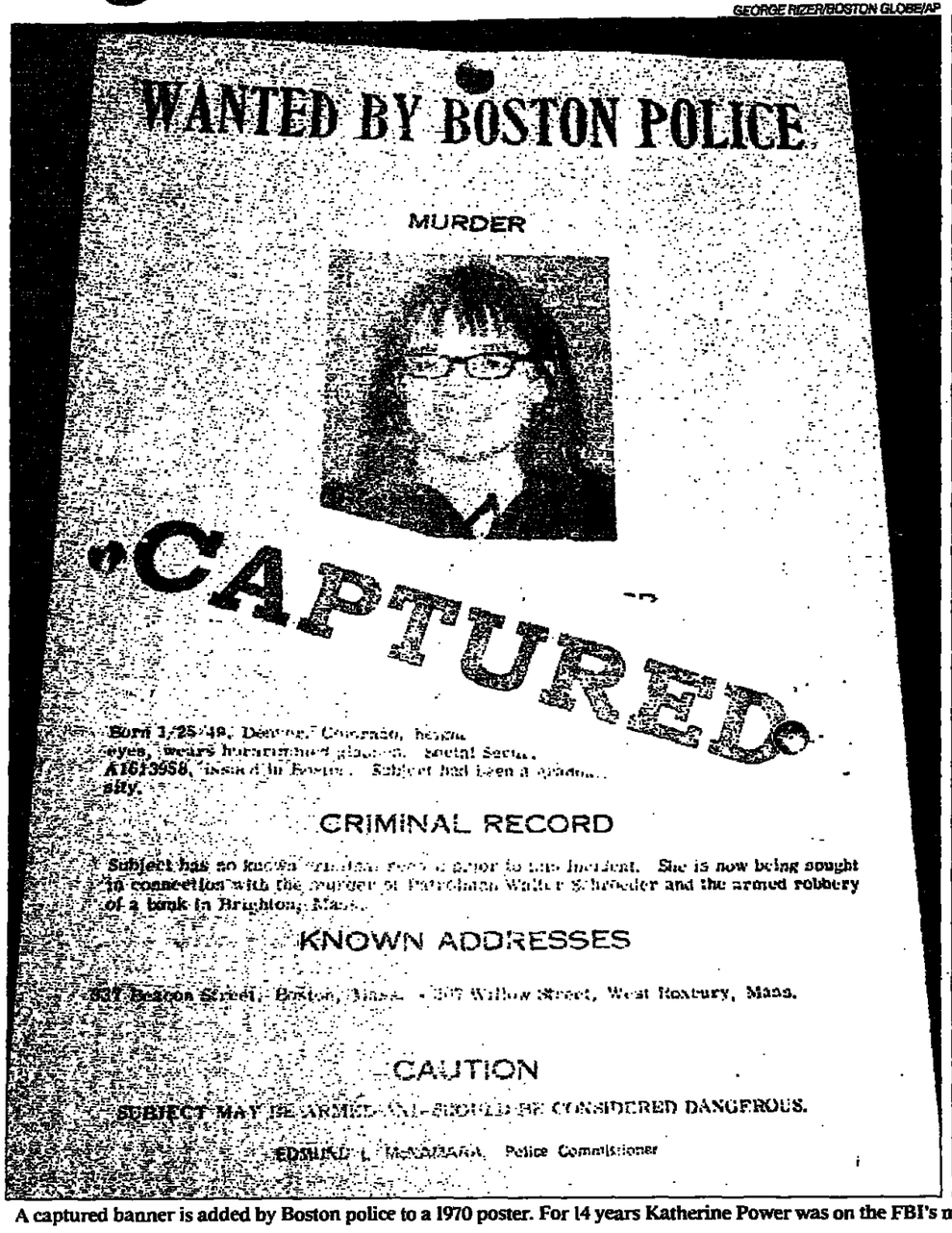
Vitez: Two British soldiers were wounded by mortar shrapnel after their UN patrol came under fire at a Croat checkpoint in central Bosnia yesterday. The soldiers, who were not identified, were not believed to be critically hurt. One was hit in the jaw and the other was described as only slightly injured, UN sources said. *(Reuter)*

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After 23 years on the run, an urban terrorist surrendered to her conscience and the FBI. **Ben Macintyre** reports

Fugitive from a radical past

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SUSAN WALSH/AP



A captured banner is added by Boston police to a 1970 poster. For 14 years Katherine Power was on the FBI's most-wanted list. Last week, now 44, she pleaded guilty to manslaughter and armed robbery

Oregon is on the outer edge of America, a somewhat unreal place of forests and seashore to which many old hippies, retirees and outcasts come to find anonymity and peace, and where people ask few questions and give fewer answers.

So earlier this month, when Alice Metzinger, a shy, middle-aged teacher and professional cook who lived in a nondescript, white-shingled house in Willamette valley with her husband and son, told her handful of friends she was having a farewell party, nobody was surprised or too inquisitive. Nobody even asked where she was going.

And then, halfway through the wine and salad, Alice dropped a bombshell. She was not Alice Metzinger at all, she told her astonished friends, but Katherine Ann Power, a student radical sought by the authorities for 23 years in connection with the murder of a Boston policeman: for 14 of those years she was on the most-wanted list of the FBI, which described her as an "armed and very dangerous" young woman.

The time had come, she explained, to give herself up. On September 14, Katherine Power, after reuniting with her aged parents, surrendered to the Boston police. "I am now learning to live with openness and truth, rather than shame and hiddenness," she said, after pleading guilty to armed robbery and manslaughter. She will be sentenced on October 6, and may be eligible for parole in about five years.

The tale of Katherine Power is a bizarre parable to emerge from the agonised Vietnam war era, when idealism on America's campuses fused with anger and frustration, leading to protest from many, and violence by a few.

Power was an unlikely candidate for urban terrorist. A bookish, serious child, who won prizes at school for cooking, homework and sewing, she came from a large, middle-class, Irish-American family in Denver.

At Brandeis University, Massachusetts, her social conscience (already nurtured by the Catholic nuns at Marycrest School, Colorado) hardened into political awareness. Almost overnight, in April 1970, when President Nixon ordered the invasion of Cambodia and four students were killed by the National Guard at Kent State University, she became a radical.

At Brandeis, Power became friends with Susan Saxe, a young woman who shared her views, and Stanley Bond, a 25-year-old convict attending the university as part of an inmate education programme. Power clearly fell in the love with Bond, a handsome, self-styled revolutionary, whom the dean of students now recalls as "borderline psychotic".

Neurotic, unhappy and immensely self-obsessed, Power was no shrinking violet, but a willing, knowing participant in what ensued. When police raided her apartment, they found three rifles, a shotgun, a pistol and large stocks of ammunition.

The three students, along with two convicts, hatched a wild plan to rob a bank in Boston and use the proceeds to buy guns for the Black Panthers to use in order to overthrow the federal government and stop the war in Vietnam. Three days before the planned heist, the team set fire to the National Guard Armoury in Newburyport, and stole some ammunition and a truck.

On September 23, 1970, they hit the State Street Bank. Power drove the getaway car, and the robbers escaped with $26,000, but not before being intercepted by Officer Walter Schroeder, a 42-year-old veteran of the Boston police force, who had been tipped off by a silent alarm. The lookout, William "Lefty" Gilday, shot the policeman and father of nine dead with a machine gun.

The team split up, and the three convicts were soon arrested, but Power and Saxe escaped and went underground. For five years the pair lived in women's communes, changing their names, working for cash and moving constantly. Gilday was sentenced to life imprisonment — he is still in jail — for the murder of officer William Schroeder, and Bond killed himself with a homemade bomb he planned to use to break out of prison.

Finally, the women went separate ways. In 1975, Saxe was arrested and sentenced to eight years in prison, but Power kept on running.

In 1977, she came to Oregon, calling herself Alice Metzinger thanks to a birth certificate she obtained for a child, long dead, who had been born, like Power, in 1948. She had a child, Jaime, (she has never named the father) and met Ron Duncan, a meat cutter she later married. She worked in various restaurants, even setting up her own.

By 1985, after one of the longest hunts in history, the FBI had abandoned the chase. Power settled down, and at the same time began to reflect on what she had done and how to rationalise it. She found she could not.

By the time she went to a local therapist in 1992, Power was deeply, almost hopelessly depressed. She talked of suicide, and of the fear and remorse that tormented her: slowly she also began to talk of her real past, hermetically sealed beneath layers of lies.

Linda Carroll, the therapist, said last week: "She was so desperate to talk about herself but she couldn't. I don't think I've ever seen anyone suffering so much from acute depression. She literally could not talk without crying."

The therapist prescribed the anti-depressant medicine Trazodone, and later, as she gained her patient's trust, came to the realisation that Power could only be cured by abandoning her fugitive status, reuniting with her family and coming to terms with her past. Encouraged by Ron Duncan, Power finally made contact with a lawyer who, over more than a year, negotiated the terms of a surrender with the FBI. In August of this year Power signed a "plea-bargain agreement, but delayed her surrender until Jaime had started high school.

Power claims she has trouble remembering the details of the bank robbery, or what happened to her during her first few years on the run. "The vagueness hasn't gone away," her husband told *Time*. As part of her surrender agreement she will be permitted to take regular doses of Trazodone.

To the anger of Walter Schroeder's family, she was smiling when she walked into court two weeks ago to "accept whatever consequences the legal system will impose" — to all appearances a woman at peace with herself.

In a prepared statement she said: "The illegal acts I committed arose not from any desire for personal gain but from a deep philosophical and spiritual commitment that if a wrong exists one must take active steps to stop it, regardless of the consequences to oneself in comfort or security."

The strange psychological odyssey of Katherine Power may be over, but the angry, self-justifying woman, who believed that violence could be used to stop violence, was still there, somewhere, in the dock.

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Moments of high drama mixed with fear and farce after D-Day 1944. **Russell Miller** concludes the invasion story





Chalk (left): rescued a girl. Bowen: shot people

By the evening of D-Day, June 6, 1944, the Allies had established a firm toehold in Normandy. The great gamble had paid off . . .

Private John Chalk
aged 23, medical section D Company, 1st Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment

I DID what I could for the wounded, and while kneeling among those poor fellows I looked up to see a young girl with a bicycle, just standing there crying and sobbing. I realised she was afraid to move through what must have looked like hell to her, so I picked up her bicycle, took her by the hand and led her through.

Colonel David Bruce
London chief of OSS, with General "Wild Bill" Donovan, head of OSS

DONOVAN and I came to a halt in the lee of a hedgerow that was being subjected to interminent German machine-gun fire. Flattened out, the general turned to me and said: "David, we *mustn't* be captured, we know too much."

"Yes, sir," I answered mechanically.

"Have you your pill?" he demanded. I confessed I was not carrying the instantaneous death pellet concocted by our scientific adviser.

"Never mind," replied the resourceful general. "I have two of them." Thereupon, still lying prone, he disgorged the contents of all his pockets. There were a number of old hotel keys, a passport, currency of several nationalities, photographs of grandchildren, travel orders, newspaper clippings, and heaven knows what else, but no pills.

"Never mind," said Donovan, "we can do without them, but if we get out of here you must send a message to Gibbs, the hall porter at Claridges in London, telling him on no account to allow the servants in the hotel to touch some dangerous medicines in my bathroom."

Lieutenant Eugene D Brierre
aged 20, C Company, 501st Parachute Infantry Regiment

I WENT into a house where a German was lying on the floor. His gun was near him. I almost shot him, when I realised he was seriously wounded. He signalled me to hand him something. I saw that he was pointing towards a rosary. I then picked up the rosary and handed it to him. He had a look of deep appreciation in his eyes and began to pray, passing the beads through the fingers. He died shortly afterwards.

Ross Munro
Canadian correspondent

THE French civilians, old men and women, young girls and children, stood on the sidewalks of the littered main street, clapped their hands, waved the troops on their way and tossed roses in their path. A girl handed me a crimson rose and there were tears of despair and joy in her eyes as she said: "There is my home, over there. It is gone. It is ruined by the bombardment, but the Allies are here and the Boche have gone."

Private Dennis Bowen
aged 18, 5th Battalion, East Yorkshire Regiment

IF A German soldier appeared, everybody fired at him. It was no bother, we didn't think of them as human beings. In the excitement you fire at him.

Oh, yes, I hit people. I personally saw people that I was firing at fall, on more than one occasion. I can say that without hesitation. Without bragging about being a good shot, a man only 100 or 150 yards away is an awful big target. And if it's an enemy soldier, you don't just fire one shot, you fire a round, re-load and fire another, as quick as you can: another and another. Even when he has fallen you still keep firing.

Major Peter Martin
aged 34, 2nd Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment

AT nine o'clock we had our compo stew, followed by treacle pudding. Everyone was in tremendous form. My sister had insisted that I take along her portable gramophone, one of those wind-up affairs, so we played some Vera Lynn songs. Then, much to my amazement, a dispatch rider arrived with mail. I had a letter from my mother in which she said she had a very strong feeling the invasion was imminent. I just burst out laughing.

Lieutenant Donald Holman
aged 23, commanding amphibious platoon RASC

ABOUT midnight I went down to the beach alone. I wanted to have a look, to see what was going on and to see what we had to do to get ready for next morning.

It was actually a beautiful night and as I walked along the beach I thought I was stepping on soft seaweed, but when I looked down I saw it was the bodies of our men washed up on the tide.

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His tales of '70s gay life already look distant and out of date

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Armistead Maupin: 'Mrs Miniver's columns began to deal with impending catastrophe. Just as I had to deal with Aids breaking into the idyll'



ARMISTEAD Maupin is large and expansive as his name: gay in both senses as given in Collins dictionary — "(a) homosexual; (b) carefree and merry". His *Tales of the City* books sell millions and are a cult. In my view, they were outclassed by his latest novel, the tragi-comedy *Maybe The Moon*. However, it is the *Tales*, a mini-soap of 1970s San Francisco which will have addicted readers switching on from next Tuesday.

When we meet at the Savoy (no expense spared these days; he used to crash at David Hockney's) he is the picture of robust bonhomie. Terry Anderson, his lover, who accompanies him everywhere, has blond hair and a grave blue-eyed gaze. He is HIV positive and frail. "But we are *increasingly* in love with each other," Maupin says.

I am reminded of talking to Sir Angus Wilson and his lover, Tony Garnett. They had met in the British Museum reading room when Garnett was 16, and after 30 years together had come out in a televised documentary, a charming couple. Garnett had hitherto been passed off as "the secretary" as with Noel Coward's and Somerset Maugham's "secretaries". That American cartoon of a small child saying: "And God bless Uncle Harry and his roommate Jack who we're not supposed to talk about", which summed up most people's attitudes, was a joke of the past. But then, ten years ago, Aids had not yet happened, which is what makes Maupin's wise-cracking tales of free love now seem such a period piece.

His 1970s already look as distant and dated as the 1950s of *Happy Days*: unreal and risibly self-indulgent. The reason Channel 4 is making such a splash of the series is that the Americans would not touch it.

Various Hollywood studios optioned it, but backed down. CBS suggested cutting out all the gay characters, which Maupin says is like asking Dickens to cut out all the poor people. Warner Brothers suggested he turn the gay gynaecologist into a serial killer — much more acceptable.

Hollywood, addicted to violence and psychosis, baulked at blithe promiscuity and drug-taking. So the series was made by a British company (Working Title) with a British director, Alastair Reid, and a script by David Kramer of *Thirtysomething*, and will be shown in the United States on PBS's Masterpiece Theatre, which usually imports British period drama like *Upstairs Downstairs* and *Brideshead*. "That's where we get class on our screens," Maupin says.

Despite our candour, however, things still get tricky whenever gay matters surface on the air. There was a waspish exchange on *Start The Week* when Maupin aggrievedly recalled being on the same programme years before with Russell Harty.

What had irked Maupin was a question from Libby Purves: "I don't suppose you've ever thought of practising celibacy?" which she had properly put on behalf of the Radio 4 audience. Ms Purves leapt spiritedly to her own defence ("Writs will fly!" chuckled twinkling Kenneth Baker, also on the programme) but as she points out, "I have gay friends, and friends with Aids, and I love Maupin's books.

'I SAID, and I still say, that the warmth and fun in his writing was very important in helping others — and this was before the Princess or Liz Taylor had taken up the cause, when Aids victims were still treated like lepers — to accept that even the most imprudent, promiscuous gays were human too." Her misdeed had been "to put one question that was less than reverential."

"Since he remembers it so many years later, he must have more of a chip on his shoulder than I would ever have guessed."

But the thorny issue of gay banner-waving should not occlude Maupin as cult author.

The surname is Huguenot, but he pronounces it Maw-pin. Armistead is North Carolina swank. At home they called him Teddy.

His escape from the deep South was via the Navy. He served as an officer (a gay sailor, but not until he was 26) in Vietnam, and went back there after the war as a civilian volunteer, for which he received an award from President Nixon.

He had grown up reading E. F. Benson, Evelyn Waugh, and most importantly, Jan Struther's *Mrs Miniver*, which had begun in *The Times* as a series of vignettes of London life.

Maupin had Miniver in mind when in 1976 he offered the *San Francisco Chronicle* a daily narrative of city life, inventing a naive young girl named Mary Ann Singleton who arrives from Cleveland, Ohio, to a boarding-house where there are joints on the dinner-table.

The most influential person in Maupin's life was his English grandmother, a cousin of Dudley Ward, Rupert Brooke's literary executor, who once lived at the Old Vicarage, Grantchester (where Maupin has also stayed, before Lord Archer's residency). She was a suffragist who eloped to America in 1917: "An Auntie Mame figure in outsize picture hats and her hair dyed something called champagne beige.

"SHE SPOKE out about women's rights, and raised six children by teaching elocution, and inspired me to believe that my true self was the most important face I could present to the world.

"I remember her sitting in my parents' house with the Governor of North Carolina, reading his palm, and I thought I was the luckiest kid in the world to have such an exotic grandmother.

"When she read my palm she would ask me what I wanted to be, and I would say obediently 'A lawyer, like Daddy'. And she would close my hand and change the subject.

"She knew I was destined for something else. And I took great heart from her advice: 'Don't be a silly billy and get married at 20, you won't have any idea what kind of person you are until you're at least 30'.

"I could say, don't worry granny, because by the age of 20 I knew I would break the heart of any girl I married."

His *Chronicle* columns, like Mrs Miniver's when she had to start mentioning gas masks and the looming war, became darker once Aids broke into the idyll, and Maupin's last three *Tales* of the treacherous 1980s are much more grim. Wide-eyed Mary Ann becomes a hardbitten TV anchorwoman prepared to ditch husband and children for a better job in New York.

But the book that best reflects Maupin's Runyonesque ability to engage readers with an assortment of oddballs is the profoundly compassionate *Maybe The Moon*, the diary of Cadence Roth, the world's shortest woman, who once played an elf in a hit film, and yearns for stardom as herself, thwarted by pitiless Hollywood. The book is dedicated to his friend, the late Tamara de Treaux, who was the actress inside ET's rubber suit in Spielberg's film.

She looked "like a condensed Bette Midler", with personality and singing voice to match. "Cady's is the most personal voice I have ever used. I could open up completely, disguised as a 31-inch-high woman."

This autumn, Ned Sherrin produces and Simon Callow is to direct a musical version of Maupin's short story, *Suddenly Home*. "It's about the time my sister Jane came to visit me and Terry in our very domestic setup, to tell us she was about to marry a man we privately referred to as the Shithead, and we tried to talk her out of it."

In the musical they sing of the vanished times when sexual adventures were care-free. As a character in the *Tales* asks, presciently: "Do you think this is all going to come crashing down? Will we all end up 50-year-old libertines in a world of 20-year-old Calvinists?"

Last orders for the superchefs

Many of Britain's top chefs have become media stars.

Julia Llewellyn Smith finds them in bad taste

They write books, have television series and appear regularly on the inny pages of *Hello!*. They nch with Michael Caine, dorse American Express d fill slots on chat shows d marry models. Some have en known to chop a few getables and cook a meal. Once chefs were anonymous vvies, tucked away in the vile obscurity of the kitch- Then in the 1980s, along with the superbrat and the supermodel, came the superchefs. These men had to have more than talent; they needed personality as well. They screamed "You cannot be serious" at diners who asked for Daddy's Sauce on their pan-grilled lentils.

Not everyone, however, worships the superchef. "A chef should be recognised for working 24 hours a day, not for having his photograph taken," says Albert Roux, the first chef to be awarded three Michelin stars in Britain. "Some of these young men have been built up to think they are on a par with Pavarotti. Well, if Pavarotti loses his voice, we have a tape for eternity. A meal can only be as good as it was yesterday."

Nonetheless, Mr Roux (whose face appears on several bookjackets and has had various television series, as well as a column in the *Evening Standard)* was a prototypical superchef. When he arrived in Britain, 40 years ago, good food was available only to a wealthy few. "Cheap package holidays, ethnic restaurants and Berni Inns with limited menus made people see that eating out could be fun," says Roy Ackerman, the chairman of the Restaurateurs Association of Great Britain.

As the nation became more restaurant friendly, every colour supplement became filled with soft-focus portraits of char-grilled breast of duck and blanquettes de veau in blueberry sauce. But for a tantalised public, this was not enough. They needed a personality to focus on. Step into the camera lens Marco Pierre White, a man who not only cooked like an angel, but, to the delight of picture editors, looked like one too.

Moreover, Mr White was willing to let journalists enter the kitchen of Harvey's, his South London restaurant, where he would proceed to supply marvellous stories by berating his staff, abusing the customers and saying things like "Being a chef is all about sweat, dirt and pain". Column inches were filled with the exploits of the "Jagger of the Aga". Other restaurateurs soon latched on to the fact that a page in the tabloids was worth twice as much as a review in *Egon Ronay*.

So where will the superchef go next? Will our Christmas stockings be full of superchef bath mats, coasters and calendars? Not according to Alastair Little, who once named a restaurant in Soho after himself and heralded its opening with a photospread in *Elle*. "Celebrity chefs are a little bit silly and inflated," he says now. "Cooking is not a glamorous or important profession and the public's fed up with over-blown antics."

The change has come as an indirect result of the recession. "Big-name chefs belong to the expensive restaurants and people are no longer so keen to go to those," Mr Ackerman says. "It's all a question of perception. If you are laying off staff, it's difficult to ask your secretary to book you into a temple of gastronomy. So you go to the bistro round the corner."

Business has suffered, but customers have reaped rewards, not least of which is the demise of the bullying chef. Those who once threw out diners who asked for more salt on their well-done steaks are now cooking in a buyer's market. Mr Roux says: "I think the customer that is coming into my restaurant is doing me a favour. If they want me to bring ketchup, I will bring it — but I will bring it in a silver dish."


Alastair Little: "The public's fed up"

It may also mean an end to the chef hovering around the diners, uttering platitudes that would make an air hostess blush. "I think it's deeply embarrassing to troop around the room," Mr Little says, "talking to people I don't know."

Mr Ackerman believes that the focus is about to return to the staff at the front of house: "The restaurant manager and the head waiter are the most important people as far as the customer is concerned. Food is not enough. Cash is short and people want a complete experience for their money."

Tom Jaine, the editor of *The Good Food Guide* agrees. "Instead of being pompous and intimidating, restaurateurs are trying to make going out to eat as pleasant as possible."

"There is still silly behaviour", he adds. "A friend of mine booked a table at a well-known restaurant. Halfway through the morning, he was asked to confirm when they wanted to turn up. When they got there, the place was virtually empty. They had been making all that fuss to show off." Earlier this week Marco Pierre White threw Mr Jaine, whose reviews have been less than adulatory, out of his new Hyde Park Hotel restaurant .

Not only have conditions improved for diners, but life for the staff is also much more bearable. Although Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons was fined earlier this week for a breach of kitchen safety after a sous chef severed his knuckles while slicing veal bones, it has still come a long way form the sweaty hellholes described by George Orwell in *Down and Out in Paris and London*.

Joel Kissin, the managing director of the Conran restaurants, says: "We have got to be more organised these days. There is a shortage of customers and a shortage of good staff and if we don't treat them well, we will get nowhere." Mr Kissin has insisted that a share of the tips go to the workers behind the scenes.

In a very British way the new breed of superchefs are ones who may never even open a restaurant. Instead they prefer to teach the public how to do it themselves.

The enormous popularity of the BBC1 television programme *Masterchef*, where the work is done by low-profile amateurs and the focus is on the slurping guests, has proved to the nation that you don't need foreign blood to handle a bottle of balsamic vinegar. And the no-nonsense example of Delia Smith has shown that a perfect dinner can be produced with a list of ingredients that does not include a single temper tantrum.



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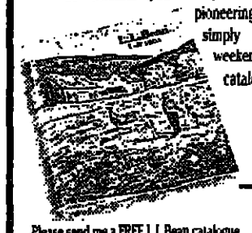


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■ The histories of words ensure that all translation is a qualified failure

Concord may be possible between nations, as we start hopefully on the road to concord between Israelis and Arabs. Between languages, such agreement is impossible. *Shalom*, although cognate and similar in meaning (it translates inadequately into English as "peace be with you") has different connotations from *salaam*. Adjacent tribes may live in concord. But the natural state between their languages is difference, conflict, borrowing and misunderstanding. Languages are by definition untranslatable, because every word of each language is fraught with its peculiar meanings, history and grammar.

I have just proved again that they are untranslatable by turning Lord North's schoolboy Latin verses into English for a new biography. North was George III's faithful prime minister, who decided to retain the tea duty in the North American colonies and to present a Boston Ports bill, so provoking the American Revolution. History, composed on the word-processors of the winners, may have written North down as a disastrous prime minister, but unlike most politicians, even in those polished days, he was an accomplished linguist and versifier. The elegiacs, written when he was a schoolboy, show a pretty wit, whether on a stock theme, probably suggested by his tutor (such as the notion that every woman has some special grace or beauty going for her) to a mock outraged attack on *Don Quixote* for telling lies, or the observation that warfare and good dinners go together.

This ends with the old racist joke, written more than 250 years ago when England was at war with France: "Let the French Frog surrender to the English roast beef, at the dinner table as well as on the battlefield." But North puts it more neatly in Latin, in five words instead of 20.

As a general rule, a communicator should stick to one language at a time. To spray foreign words at random, as a winning racing-driver revoltingly and wastefully sprays champagne, can be a sign of pseudery and showing off. This may be suspected in the frequent use of French terms such as *oeuvre* and *auteur* in the lingo of English literary criticism. I find it impossible to detect any difference from the plain English "works" and "author". But even in the pretentious and exotic jargon of criticism, there are some foreign words that serve a purpose because they have no English equivalent. A *Bildungsroman* is a novel such as *David Copperfield*, concerned with the education of its hero. English has no single word for such a book, but German has a second, perhaps because this is such a popular German *genre* (there goes another varmint), in *Erziehungsroman*, which is as near to a synonym as you can get.

Some foreign borrowings justify their existence because of economy and elegance. Latin says *mutatis mutandis*. To catch the full meaning of the two words in English, you would need to say something like, "after the necessary and/or appropriate changes have been made", which misses the brevity and neat internal rhyme and polyptoton (the rhetorical repetition of the same word in a different inflexion) of the Latin. Some borrowings hide their foreign origins, as in cockroach from the Spanish *cucaracha*, which 19th-century prudery has shortened to *roach* in America.

It is not surprising that Aleut has more than 50 words to describe the state of the ice, whereas Xhosa, or for that matter English, has none. It is surprising when a language has a word for a concept that is absent in a closely related language. Take for example the German word *gönnen* and the Danish word *unde*, which mean the opposite of "to envy": to be pleased with somebody else's good fortune. There is no direct translation into English, and one has to plod into periphrasis about being pleased and not begrudging. Can this mean that Germans and Danes are generous races, unlike us envious English, who cannot wait to chop our celebrities down to size and stomp on feet of clay? It would be foolish to draw any such psycholinguistic conclusions, for English has no word either for taking malicious enjoyment in the misfortunes of others. We have to borrow the German *Schadenfreude*.



Well done, Sir Bernard

Many of us are too timid to intervene if we spot a crime being committed; but where will it end if we do nothing?

Bernard Levin

I have been enchanted by the story of Sir Bernard Ingham, Crookfinder-General to the nation. The story was played out some time ago, but the issues involved continue to echo.

I have no personal acquaintance with Sir Bernard, though I could hardly have escaped all knowledge of him in the years in which he served Margaret Thatcher as her press secretary. On that subject, all I would wish to say today is that the fidelity, care and unstinted service he gave the then prime minister make a notable and permanent high-water mark on our political system, though perhaps I might add that when he was dealing with the press it would have been the height of folly for anybody to believe anything he said without independent corroboration, preferably including at least two bishops.

For those who missed the episode or have forgotten it, I must rehearse the course of justice that Sir Bernard followed. Travelling on the London Underground, he saw a crime being committed. It was not much of a crime: to wit, the offence of travelling without a ticket and with intent to evade paying. The offender had illegally pushed through the automatic gates, which should flip open only when the ticket is inserted. Sir Bernard saw the miscreant at his miscreanting, and called out, "Hey, you shouldn't be doing that, you should be paying your fare".

The miscreant now made his first and last mistake: he said to Sir Bernard "What's it got to do with you?"

To the miscreant's question, Sir Bernard replied with a crisp lecture entitled "Why it has got to do with everybody", which by all accounts held the audience spellbound. A policeman appeared and took over; Sir Bernard outlined the events of the day, and later on all these happenings were discussed in court. Bernard the Avenger gave his evidence, and the scofflaw was fined not only for cheating the Underground, but also for using offensive language. (He had no money, so he couldn't pay the fines, and anyway he didn't turn up to the court, but none of that detracts from Sir Bernard's hour of uprightness.)

There are items which need examining. For instance, Sir Bernard, giving evidence, said that the villain "started to intimidate me". It is well known that I am a particularly trusting and unsceptical man, but even I cannot believe that the most intrepid fare-dodger in history would be so foolish as to try to intimidate Sir Bernard Ingham. Moreover, it transpired that during the events, Sir Bernard "wasn't frightened"; since a runaway steamroller would be needed to make Sir Bernard even mildly nervous, that must be the most otiose statement made in the entire business.

By now you must be thinking that there is something important amid the hilarity. It is, of course, the question we all ask ourselves in such circumstances, viz., would we do what Sir Bernard did? It is all very well to say that wrong-doers should not get away with their wrong-doing while the by-standers do nothing, but Sir Bernard, after all, did not know whether the offender had a knife in his pocket or, if he had, whether he would use it. These days, too, we are all well aware of drugs and of what people can do to get their poison; this time the fare-dodger turned out to be a fare-dodger, but again, Sir Bernard did not know that he was not facing a junkie desperate for a fix.

But leave out the dangers. We can all agree that he was public-spirited in what he did; what I want to test is ourselves. The criminal was obviously committing a very small crime, one that would not cause real damage to our society, as a crime would that involved violence or a robbery of a substantial sum. So why not slip away? After all, to start a scene can be embarrassing; many, I am sure, when they heard the shouting, believed that the red-faced man was drunk, and hurried off without knowing that red-faced man was anything but drunk. And of course, Sir Bernard must have known at the time he took action that London Underground would not come to a permanent halt, or even an intermittent halt, if it were cheated out of 90p.

Very well; 90p and we turn our heads the other way. But then we must climb the ladder. A trivial fare-dodge is one thing; what about seeing a traveller, all oblivious, having his pocket picked? Do you go up to the thief, Ingham-wise, and confront him, or do you tap the robbed man on the shoulder, whisper the news, and point out the thief? The first course is braver, obviously, but the less brave is at least drawing attention to the crime, even without taking direct part in any attempt at apprehension.

Another rung up the ladder; what about violence? We are a peaceable people: it is all very well talking about the rising crime rate, but what happens when you find yourself inside the rising crime rate looking out? Are obvious villains violently attacking an obviously innocent man? We hesitate, and as we hesitate we climb another rung of the ladder: what about a woman being attacked with violence?

Now, for me the very thought of violence to a woman is so pathologically horrific that it must have some more profound psychological aspect, though I cannot recall anything in my life which would give a clue to such feelings. But of one thing I can be sure: if I did have the courage to go to the rescue of a woman who was being attacked I would instantly throw away any thought of the Marquess of Queensberry: I would go in, boots and all, and if I crippled the villain in doing so, I would have not so much as a twinge of remorse. For me, and I should hope for most men, it also works the other way round: there are no circumstances in which I might even contemplate striking a woman.

Yes, but for that matter, there are no circumstances in which I might even contemplate diddling the Underground, let alone British Rail. I have told the story of the sticky sweet in Woolworths, but I don't think I have told the one that goes with it.

I once entered the Underground at a Tube station that I had never used before, and discovered that the steps went down to an entry without a ticket office, though the trains stopped there. (This was before the new system with automatic gates and tickets.) I got into the train. As the doors shut I realised I had not paid. I was travelling on the Underground without a ticket. I took money from my pocket, put it in my palm and held the hand right out as though my arm was paralysed: if an inspector had come along he could not possibly have thought I was bilking the system (though he might — probably would — think I was mad), but though no inspector came, I shook throughout the journey, and practically danced with joy when I got to the barrier at my destination and flung far more money than was necessary at the startled booking-office clerk.

We must go back to the beginning, to the truly trivial crime of 90p bilked from the Underground, and we find to our dismay that we are on an escalator. There is no break between the 90p and the thousands of pounds stolen or the robbery with violence. We cannot promise to try to stop a murderer, but by failing to stop a fare-dodger we may have set him on the road to murder. Sir Bernard, we conclude, was twice a hero. Well, well.

I failed once. Two young boys emerged from Debenham's, one of them stuffing a scarf under his jacket; it was quite clear that they had stolen it. I should have grabbed them, lectured them, and sent them back into the shop to put back the scarf as surreptitiously as they had taken it. I did not do so, and perhaps I then set two children on the path of crime; I can only hope not. I thank my stars that there is in me a horror of even the tiniest and most insignificant law-breaking — a horror, that is, in its intensity, close to madness. Indeed, there is one story from my childhood, at the age of nine, as innocent as anything could possibly be, which I have never told to anyone and never shall, though I am convinced that it has permanently damaged my life.

We have come far from Sir Bernard's admirable action, but we might, all of us, benefit by thinking a little longer about it. Mind you, if we think long enough, we shall start wondering why Sir Bernard, who can hardly be short of a few bawbees, was travelling on the Underground, rather than in a car or a taxi.

Why won't the UN talk peace?

Sam Kiley blames intransigence for Somalia's agony

Two words come to mind when assessing the role of the United Nations in Somalia: "ignorant" and "stupid".

Ignorant because the most senior United Nations officials in the country, Admiral Jonathan Howe and his deputy, Lansana Kouyate, have shown a puzzling reluctance to learn the basic cultural history of Somalia, which is at the root of troubles today. But until they understand something of this history, the United Nations will be unable to withdraw from the region.

Stupid, because on Tuesday night, in talks mediated by two British journalists — myself and the correspondent of *The Guardian* — at the request of General Aidid's Somali National Alliance (SNA), Mr Kouyate — who is one of the most highly paid diplomats in the United Nations — failed to grasp the opportunity offered in face-to-face talks to open formal negotiations with the SNA. Such negotiations could end nearly four months of bloody clashes between the United Nations and militiamen, which have left 52 United Nations soldiers and about 500 Somalis dead.

Bringing Professor Issa Mohamed Siad, the SNA delegate, to meet Mr Kouyate involved my *Guardian* colleague and me collecting him from the grounds of a hospital which is notorious as a militia base for attacks on the United Nations forces. Gunmen were gathering throughout the city to avenge the capture of one of General Aidid's closest aides, Ali Hassan Osman, by United States rangers earlier in the day. American cobra helicopters hovered overhead, waiting for a chance to fire at the gunmen with their 20mm cannon.

At the meeting — which we were attending as independent witnesses at the insistence of the SNA — Professor Siad asked, unrealistically, for the release of Mr Osman. Mr Kouyate, who had not seen a member of General Aidid's organisation for 16 days while Mogadishu had been in a state of war, rejected the request. Instead he gave a tiresome history of past talks, which he repeated three times at growing volume, and blamed the SNA for weakening his position as a moderate among the United Nations military hawks.

The United Nations' military operation is in a state of near collapse in Mogadishu — and the rot is spreading to other cities. This week, French troops and members of the Rahan Weyn clan have been fighting fiercely around the interior town of Dinsoor.

In the capital, the Pakistani military, who have lost most men, now refuse to go on any but the safest operations. Seven Nigerians have been killed because they refused to bribe their way into a checkpoint in the most dangerous part of town — as the Italian contingent had done before. The Italians are leaving in a huff at not being put in charge of the operation.

The Saudis and men from the United Arab Emirates are popular because they do little. And the American troops, numbering about 2,000, are understandably fed up with being the only men involved in the search for General Aidid and his militiamen.

Somali clan elders have been meeting to discuss their next military move. Some of them favour an all-out assault on the United Nations forces. Others want to take American soldiers hostage.

Meanwhile military spokesmen for the United Nations have describe women and children near the fighting as "combatants" and as "legitimate targets". Detainees are not allowed legal counsel and can be held as long as the United Nations' commanders deem necessary.

The SNA says it wanted to ask Mr Kouyate to announce that the United Nations has been talking to its officers about Mr Osman and other issues, but the United Nations diplomat did not give their delegate the chance to make this suggestion.

Mr Osman, together with General Aidid and the other warlords, was responsible for last year's famine and the exploitation of aid agencies which precipitated the American invasion of Somalia last December. But his Habre Gedir clan see him as a liberationist hero, and a respected source of charity. It is a matter of pride among them to avenge his disappearance.

If the SNA and the United Nations had agreed on Tuesday to make public a discussion about Mr Osman, the prestige of the doves might have been enhanced, and the growing divisions among General Aidid's supporters would have been further widened. As it is, General Aidid's hawks are expected to step up their assaults on United Nations soldiers, and even to target civilians as well.

"Aidid", Admiral Howe has said, "has excluded himself from talks." This is a serious error of judgment. Somalis are passionate, arrogant, and violent. They fight among themselves constantly — but they also make peace constantly. Two weeks ago, I watched as elders from a couple of clans made peace between themselves less than two hours after a skirmish over car looting had resulted in the deaths of at least five youngsters on each side. If the United Nations continues to fail to comprehend Somalia and Somalis, there will be no victors in the battle for Mogadishu: only an increasing toll of deaths.

Phantom scribbler

SIR Andrew Lloyd Webber's *rapprochement* with Britain's arts establishment continues apace. Already knighted, and with former critics such as Sir Malcolm Williamson queuing to see his latest work, Lloyd Webber has now received the ultimate accolade: he has been put up for membership of the Garrick Club.

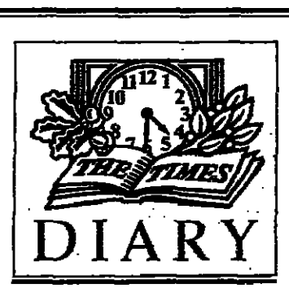
Lloyd Webber has been proposed by Sir David Napley, solicitor to the rich and famous, and Melvyn Bragg, novelist, broadcaster and LWT millionaire. But whether Lloyd Webber will join Kenneth Clarke, Donald Sinden and others is open to doubt. In the candidates' book in which his name has just been entered in blue ink, his profession is given as "composer". Next to it a member has written in a question mark.

Bragg is keen for Lloyd Webber to be accepted, although is resigned to the election process, which can take five years. He says: "Andrew is the leader in his field, and the Garrick has always embraced people from musical theatre. He is very good company and I'm sure the other members will be delighted to have him." Tim Rice, another Garrick member, will no doubt welcome the chance to discuss old times.

Bragg first met Lloyd Webber when he wrote the screenplay for *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and has kept in touch ever since. He is, therefore, distressed to learn of such early opposition to the application: "It's a pity to find that sort of behaviour in the Garrick Club."

Sir Roy Strong, another Garrick stalwart, also condemns the anti-Lloyd Webber graffito: "It's not what one expects of a gentleman's club," he says. Instead he extends the hand of friendship. "I've only met him once. I think most members would welcome him — he's a perfectly harmless person who's added to the gaiety of life . . . and he would solve the club's financial problems."

● *Melvyn Bragg's perceived sphere of influence may be widening still further. At the launch yesterday of BBC's new* Omnibus *series at the Ivy restaurant in Covent Garden, a fire broke out in the kitchens, forcing revellers onto the pavement for 20 minutes.* Omnibus *editor Nigel Williams was overheard muttering that arch-rival Bragg, editor and presenter of LWT's* South Bank Show, *must have orchestrated the whole thing. "But", says a colleague, "I think it was meant in jest."*



A well-timed word

IN THE wake of John Smith's performance at the TUC conference in Brighton, the Tribune Group is clearly leaving nothing to chance.

The group's advertisement in the newspaper *Tribune* before the TUC conference was as conciliatory as Smith's speech. "Labour and the unions together," it said. "Keep the Link." But with the debate over one-member-one-vote reaching its climax next week, the group is leaving nothing to chance. A virtually identical advertisement appeared in yesterday's *Tribune* — but with one important addition. It still reads "Labour and the unions together. Keep the link", *but now adds the* words: "Join the Labour Party."

As Tribune secretary Peter Hain says: "We always try to have something tailored specifically for the occasion."

Over and out

THE Liberal Democrat conference duly drew to a close yesterday without a single sighting of Des Wilson. Wilson, the 52-year-old New Zealander who ran the Lib Dems' general election campaign, is now communications director of Burson-Marsteller, the PR company.

"I reached a point when people crossed the road when they saw me coming," he says. "It's a young man's game now. There comes a time when if you've led a number of campaigns you cannot credibly run another. People will simply become bored with you. I needed a fresh challenge; I was just doing the same thing again and again." Yup, that sounds like politics.

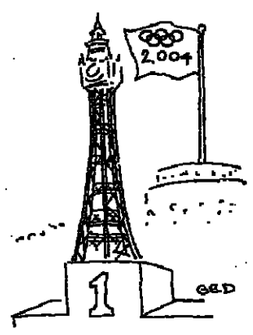
Bouncing back

BOB SCOTT, the architect of Manchester's bid for the 2000 Olympics, is clearly not above hedging his bets. But his outside interests need not endanger his chances of being granted the freedom of the North-West. For Scott has been called upon to advise how best to mark the centenary of one of the region's best known landmarks — the Blackpool Tower.

Barry Morris, the director of tourism in Blackpool, says that Scott's help has been invaluable. "He came here for lunch and talked to us about various things, including ways to acquire funding and sponsorship for our celebrations. Thousands of people will be coming here, and while we cannot compare with the Olympics, Bob Scott was only too delighted to offer us some useful pointers."

But the tower is not the only Blackpool landmark that will be celebrating a milestone birthday next year. The Grand Theatre, which has undergone £12 million of improvements, will also be 100 years old in 1994, as is Yates's Wine Lodge, and the Association of Conservative Clubs will also be coming to Blackpool next year — to celebrate its centenary.

Why not start the Blackpool 2004 campaign now and have done with it?



Uncertain age

NAIM ATTALLAH, publisher, jeweller and the indulgent patron of *The Literary Review*, is a man unused to rejections. But now he has been turned down — by Lord Tebbit. For Tebbit has refused to be interviewed for his latest anthology of interviews, *More of a Certain Age* because, says Attallah, "He said he was too young".

Attallah, whose interviewees for the new volume include Lady Soames, Sir Laurens van der Post and Patricia Highsmith, is disappointed, but he reluctantly admits that at a mere 62, Tebbit may have a point. "I was running out of oldies," he explains.

● *Glenys Kinnock took a moment off on Wednesday night from the launch of her new book,* By Faith and Daring *(a volume of interviews with "34 bold, radical and resourceful women") — to play the role of proud mother. Accompanied by husband Neil, she was clearly delighted with the news that Stephen, her 23-year-old son, has become the first Kinnock to get to Brussels, having landed the post of researcher to Labour MEP Gary Titley. "Stephen got that job on the basis of his own ability," she said, before melting away into the bold, radical and resourceful throng.*

A SPORTING DECISION

Sydney is a worthy host for the Olympics

The award of the millennium Olympics to Sydney last night was, for Britons, a disappointment tinged with relief. It is regrettable that Manchester's fine bid, persuasively supported by John Major in Monte Carlo yesterday, was not favoured by the 89 voters on the International Olympic Committee. Sydney is a worthy victor; but any of the other finalists would have been preferable to Peking. The IOC has stepped back from the brink of a decision that would have shamed the movement of which it is the custodian.

Manchester should take heart from its achievement in mounting the most impressive bid in British Olympic history — far better than its own campaign for the 1996 Games and Birmingham's for the 1992 event. Success would have brought a spree of much-needed investment to the North West: but even in failure the bid has already attracted £200 million to the city. Nor is there any reason why Manchester should not mount a third campaign to host the Olympics, as it has been hinted that it might.

Yet Peking's failure is more important than Manchester's. Before yesterday's vote, the Chinese bid appeared to be strong favourite and was defended on Monday in an extraordinary outburst by Juan Antonio Samaranch, president of the IOC. To have awarded the event to Peking would have been to confer a completely undeserved legitimacy upon a totalitarian regime that routinely murders and imprisons its political opponents and makes no secret of its contempt for human rights.

China's bid should in fact have fallen at an earlier hurdle, given the selectors' own finding that its proposals were technically inferior to those of Sydney, Manchester, and Berlin. The fact that Peking was so strongly supported by so many powerful voices on the committee must call into question the composition and agenda of the IOC. The committee is a self-selecting assembly whose members are nominated by the chairman. Mr Samaranch has encouraged the IOC's absurd pretensions as a force in international politics, requesting observer status at the United Nations and, more recently, a formal connection with the security council. The committee is also alleged to be seeking the Nobel Peace Prize. Increasingly, its actions appear to be driven by crude geopolitics rather than love of sport and the Olympic ideal. By selecting Sydney rather than Peking under intense international pressure, it has saved itself at the eleventh hour from huge discredit.

There can be no doubt that Australia will be an excellent Olympic host and Sydney a beautiful setting for the event. In the fiercest competition to host a Games in Olympic history, its bid was technically unrivalled and well promoted in yesterday's presentation by Paul Keating, the Australian prime minister. The organisers, aware that Sydney's distance from the rest of the world might influence voters, shrewdly offered free travel to all officials and athletes.

The rewards of this successful campaign will be great and are well deserved. Following the astonishing boost given to the Spanish economy by the Barcelona Olympics, the organisers of the Sydney campaign expect the Australian economy to be better off by more than £3 billion.

The principal difficulty faced by the city now will be to make itself sufficiently attractive to Western television networks. But there can be no doubt that Australia's evolving sense of national identity and economic leadership in the southern hemisphere — closely linked to its republican aspirations — will be given a tremendous fillip by the award of the most prestigious sporting event in the world. All nations should salute Sydney's achievement and look forward to a majestic Games.

ARRANGED MARRIAGES

In politics, unlikely bedfellows do not always unite a party

After the pound had suffered a humiliating devaluation, the prime minister was forced to elevate his main rival to the chancellorship. As the prime minister's stock fell, the Chancellor's rose; but the occupant of Number 11 was still distrusted by one wing of the party. There was talk of a dream ticket to topple the weak prime minister and unite the party.

The year was 1967, the prime minister Harold Wilson, the proposed dream ticket made up of Chancellor Roy Jenkins and James Callaghan. The Callaghan-Jenkins axis never materialised, and Lord Wilson remained in Number 10. The parallels with today are by no means exact, but those who now promote the dream ticket of Kenneth Clarke and Michael Portillo are as dissatisfied with John Major as much of the Labour party was then with Lord Wilson.

Dream tickets originated on the other side of the Atlantic. They are the very stuff of American politics. Running mates are often chosen to complement presidential candidates, geographically and politically. In Britain, such partnerships are more rare.

The Labour party has the most precedents. Ernest Bevin, as foreign secretary, was an essential foil to Clement Attlee's premiership. Bevin was the solid, working-class hero who could keep the labour movement in line while Attlee — the middle-class Fabian from a public-service tradition — ran the country. George Brown might have performed a similar role as deputy to Harold Wilson, but he was too unpopular with the unions. The "dream ticket" phrase first crossed the Atlantic when Roy Hattersley, from the right, was elected deputy leader to the left-wing Neil Kinnock. That marriage, however, was not a happy one, with Mr Hattersley barely able to conceal his impatience with the young Welshman.

The Conservatives have been less prone to adopt such manoeuvres, perhaps because, until the 1980s, they were less ideological than Labour. Margaret Thatcher did not much care whether her party was behind her, and when she had three-figure parliamentary majorities, she did not much need to — until the end. But William Whitelaw for a time was a good counterpoint to her: he hailed from the left of the party and appealed to old-fashioned shire Conservatives, while she was the darling of the new, suburban Tory voter.

Some Tories now believe that only a two-man ticket reflecting both sides of the party can unite them, and a few right-wingers have suggested that they would support Mr Clarke for leader provided that he appointed Mr Portillo to a senior position and dampened his own Europhoria.

Their argument rests, however, on an inconsistency. They are prepared to back Mr Clarke, even though he represents the wrong wing of the party, because he seems to have the leadership talents that Mr Major lacks. Above all he is his own man. Yet if that is the case, why should he be expected to take the job on other people's terms?

He might well decide, wisely, to appoint people such as Mr Portillo to important jobs: but that would be his own decision. And like many leaders, he might temper his own views to match more closely those of the party. But to expect him to tie himself in advance to Mr Portillo would make the pair of them as ungainly as a team in a three-legged race. If the Tories want Mr Clarke to lead them, they will have to accept him for what he is. In the meantime they can only prepare for the conference that will help them make up their minds.

WORKING TO LIVE

Having a job seems to be necessary for self-esteem

Buried in the almost impenetrable jargon of a British Psychological Society paper, is an observation about modern attitudes that has real political significance. What it suggests is that the kind of self-esteem and satisfaction that most people feel to be necessary for a fulfilled life can rarely be achieved outside of paid work. In other words, no matter how worthwhile or energetic a leisure pastime may be, it cannot impart the same sense of purpose and self-respect as a "proper" job.

The research paper, by Dr John Haworth of Manchester University, does not simply equate this unique kind of satisfaction with the fact of being paid. There seems to be a more subtle psychological difference between working for a livelihood and even the most assiduous hobby. What is suggested by the responses of those who filled in Dr Haworth's questionnaires is that the very constraints of working life are what make it satisfying. The findings refer to factors like "time structure, social contact, collective purpose, social identity or status, and regular activity". In plain English, these amount to having to be at a given place at a particular time with actual deadlines for completed tasks, working toward some larger goal with a team of people in which everyone has a specified role and having all of this take place in some customary, habitual way.

Being compelled to take part by some force outside of personal whim — what Dr Haworth calls "extrinsic motivation" as opposed to "intrinsic" — seems to be the key factor in making paid work a more valuable source of psychological well-being. Having objectives and structures imposed by others lends credibility to an enterprise. In leisure activities — even ones that are socially useful — the freedom to create personal goals and time limits often degenerates into an open-ended activity in which people find it difficult to maintain a sense of purpose.

People specifically mentioned that being at work often involved doing things which were initially disliked. The overcoming of their own resistance to complete the task gave a form of gratification that was peculiarly difficult to match outside of the workplace. Anecdotal evidence supports these findings. Paid work now seems to be taken as the measure of successful adulthood in a way that it would not have been a century ago when whole classes of society did not expect to work for a living. The fact that virtually all unpaid activity is now regarded as "leisure" — and by connotation, unserious — shows how much the idea of employment dominates modern life.

The impact of this cultural shift has been felt in the devaluing of voluntary activties and of unpaid home-making skills for women. No government hoping to revive the voluntary sector and to deal realistically with the effects of high unemployment can afford to ignore its effects.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Engineering education in decline

From the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Portsmouth

Sir, I have recently returned from a visit to Malaysia and Singapore, countries which have booming economies, national development plans and a huge commitment by their populations to succeed. An atmosphere of confidence seemingly pervades wherever one goes.

The Singapore government plans by 1998 to have 40 per cent of its school-leavers participating in full-time higher education to the British equivalent of higher diploma level. In the next four years some 1,000 new lecturers in engineering will be recruited to the polytechnics in Singapore in order to accommodate this growth. There is no thought that the plan will not be achieved.

There are similar policies for expansion in Malaysia. The motivation is to feed the booming manufacturing base of Singapore, Malaysia and South-East Asia.

In the UK today major British universities, some with the greater part of a century's experience and dedication to engineering education, are having great difficulty in recruiting adequate numbers of first-year students to their high-quality courses. Government, together with the higher education funding councils, took steps in 1987 to fund access and foundation courses for engineering degree courses as a consequence of a reducing supply of satisfactorily qualified school-leavers.

These courses have been successful in slowing the rate of decline in the demand for engineering degree places but constitute an insufficient response to the accelerating problem of supplying British manufacturing industry with appropriately qualified graduates.

Our national curriculum provides for all pupils in schools to study science and mathematics up to the age of 16. This development has rightly received general support, not least because it has been hoped that many 16-year-old students will continue to study sciences and mathematics in the sixth form or at tertiary college and hence provide an adequate supply of satisfactorily qualified students for degree courses in engineering and science.

Science and mathematics teaching should be delivered by those who are well qualified and strongly motivated. The increasing and alarming scarcity of such teachers is well known. The prospect of a public-sector pay freeze cannot augur well for any increase in the volume of supply of such important staff. Other employers naturally will compete for their talents.

There will be a further erosion of the UK's manufacturing base if there is a decline in the number of high-quality engineering and science graduates from UK universities. Such a decline should not be contemplated. A plan must be produced and implemented to ensure that large numbers of school-leavers, and those who study in further education institutions, are able to exercise the choice whether or not to study engineering and science at university.

Sadly, for our nation, the number of those who are able to make this choice is dwindling at a rate which should prompt not only national concern but also effective action.

Yours faithfully,
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Portsmouth, Hampshire.
September 21.

Millwall by-election

From Mrs Barbara Roche, MP for Hornsey and Wood Green (Labour)

Sir, Central government bears a heavy responsibility for a climate in which racist attacks in inner city areas have become everyday occurrences, and racist attitudes more acceptable (letters, September 21, 23). When reported racist attacks have gone up from 4,383 in 1988 to 7,793 in 1992 and the British Crime Survey suggests that only one in ten such attacks is reported, ministers should announce measures to combat such a situation.

Instead, when the Home Office minister Peter Lloyd appeared before the home affairs select committee on July 14 and 1 put to him that the government's Asylum and Immigration Appeals Act had contributed to a climate of intolerance and racism, he pooh-poohed the idea. Similarly he dismissed suggestions that race relations would not be helped by cutting by 30 per cent the section 11 grant, which enables minority ethnic groups to gain access to services and facilities.

Nor is the Home Office prepared to reconsider its decision to close by next April the remaining safer cities projects in London, many of which have given priority to combating racial harassment.

We, the vast majority of people in Britain who are horrified by reports that councillors have to cancel their meetings because of the fear of race attacks (report, September 22), must tell this government loud and clear that those of its actions that jeopardise tolerance in community relations are unacceptable.

Yours sincerely,
BARBARA ROCHE,
House of Commons.

Mad Mullah's mantle

From Mr D. W. Stewart

Sir, Mr Hall is not entirely correct in his assertion (letter, September 20) that the periods of British and Italian rule in Somalia were periods of peace and tranquillity. History is repeating itself. The clans are now uniting against what they perceive as a new imperial threat, posed by the US-backed UN.

Sayyid Muhammed Abdullah Hassan was dubbed "The Mad Mullah" by the British, presumably on the basis that anyone who took on the might of the British Empire must be mad. He succeeded in uniting the clans and evading capture for almost 30 years (1890-1920). He defeated almost every British force sent against him. In desperation the British even sent RAF bombers against him. It was considered cheaper than sending troops.

General Aidid is rapidly assuming the Mullah's mantle. The ease with which he evades the US Special Forces and their helicopter gunships is turning him into a folk hero.

"Operation Restore Hope" has failed in two of its main objectives: to eliminate a charismatic leader, and to disarm the clans. Until that is done, little will be achieved.

Yours sincerely,
D. W. STEWART,
36 Bedford Avenue, Edinburgh 4.
September 21.

Nursery charmers

From Mrs P. M. Meynell

Sir, Dr Cullen (letter, September 11) misses the point. Beatrix Potter's stories were not written for the entertainment of lady doctors but for little children, to whom they have given much pleasure and even some instruction. In addition to the delightful illustrations, the simple structure of the sentences is occasionally enriched with an unexpected polysyllable. One young listener to whom I was reading was prompted to ask: "What does sop-orific mean?"

The escapades of these nursery charmers in their little jackets and frocks are encapsulated in the magical world of childhood. To try to dislodge them and place them in a socio-political frame is to breach that world, which time will inevitably dissolve.

Yours sincerely,
P. M. MEYNELL,
The Pig and Whistle Cottage,
Hidcote Boyce,
Chipping Campden, Gloucestershire.
September 13.

Future of Max Gate

From the Editor of Dorset Life

Sir, Max Gate, Thomas Hardy's house near Dorchester (letters, September 14, 20), has few visible Hardy associations and is, frankly, dull to any except dedicated Hardy scholars, who have always had access to the house under the terms of its lease.

Equally, the Hardy collection is the biggest single draw to the county museum, so to move it from the centre of Dorchester to the outskirts would jeopardise the museum's invaluable work in reflecting not just Dorset's Hardy connections but all the varied aspects of the county's rich history.

The National Trust's management of some of the Dorset properties has been criticised as fiercely in this magazine as anywhere, but on this occasion the trust has got it right.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN NEWTH,
Editor, *Dorset Life*.
Trinity Lane,
Wareham, Dorset.
September 20.

Saudi reforms

From Mr Giuma Bukleb

Sir, The Saudi regional assemblies to which Michael Binyon refers in his report of September 18 ("Fahd sets up assemblies to counter radical threat") are intended to promote the process of modernisation and democratisation already begun in the kingdom.

This process received a boost last month with the announcement of a new basic system of rule, the appointment of a 60-member Shura (i.e., consultative) Council and the development of a new regional policy aimed at reducing bureaucracy in the provinces.

The Shura Council, as well as providing specialised and highly qualified technocrats in its advisory role to the King, has the right to propose laws. These laws will then be passed to the Council of Ministers for codification; both the council and regional assemblies represent a broadening of the principle of Islamic consultation. All these steps have been broadly welcomed in the kingdom, by both liberal reformers and religious conservatives alike.

It is obvious from Mr Binyon's article that those he describes as "human rights champions" are members of the so-called "Committee for the Defence of Legitimate Rights", who delivered an advisory letter to King Fahd last year, in which they revealed their allegiance to the Iranian and Sudanese governments. Far from being a liberal protest movement, they advocate more power for the religious movement.

The government's moves should not be interpreted as "a response to internal discontent and discreet Western pressure", as Mr Binyon terms them.

Yours sincerely,
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The realities of Sunday shopping

From the Chief Executive of the Consumers' Association

Sir, Mr S. Hampson, chairman of the John Lewis Partnership (letter, September 18), has an axe to grind, and the sparks are flying so thick and fast that he seems unable to perceive the reality of Sunday shopping.

The vast majority of small shops have for decades been "flouting . . . the rule of Parliament" — or, as we would put it, catering to their customers' wishes — without incurring Mr Hampson's wrath. Indeed, they have been the prime victims of sporadic, ill-fated attempts to enforce the law strictly. Large supermarkets, which can legally sell more than half their product range on Sundays, have succumbed to consumer pressure late in the day; regular Sunday opening has been the norm only since Christmas 1991, when the validity of the Shops Act was thrown into doubt under European law.

Mr Hampson doubts whether the vast numbers of people shopping on Sunday — 25 million of them — support Sunday trading. These people are hardly shopping against their will. They want to shop on a Sunday, they *are* shopping on a Sunday.

That aside, it is arrogant to question the mass of opinion research conducted by us and others for 20 years, which has consistently indicated strong public support (two-thirds of the population) for the freedom to shop on Sundays.

It is a sign of Mr Hampson's lack of respect for public opinion that he limits his fury against law-breakers to the very stores that people most want to use on Sundays. Supermarkets regularly feature in research as the most popular Sunday shopping venues, closely followed by DIY stores and garden centres. Local convenience stores tend to trail fourth or fifth.

Yours faithfully,
JOHN BEISHON,
Chief Executive,
Consumers' Association,
2 Marylebone Road, NW1.
September 20.

From the Joint Managing Director of Sainsbury's

Sir, Your report on National Sunday Shopping Day (September 20) included the suggestion that big company money was having an undue influence on the Sunday trading reform debate.

This is not true. The only serious attempt to change the Sunday trading law — the 1986 Shops Bill — was defeated. The small minority of the population opposed to Sunday shopping created a clamour which persuaded MPs that their views enjoyed far more public support than they actually did.

The object of National Sunday Shopping Day was simple: to give those people who enjoy shopping on Sunday, but prefer to go about their business quietly, the opportunity to make their voices heard: 1.69 million of them took the opportunity. The message was clear: people enjoy shopping on Sunday and want to be able to carry on doing so.

Like everyone else, we believe that Sunday should be a special day. It should be special in that people should be free to choose how they wish to spend it. Consequently, we are pressing for the law to be reformed — for small shops to be open at any time, and large shops for just six hours. The law should also protect those individuals who do not wish to work on Sundays.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID QUARMBY,
Joint Managing Director,
Sainsbury's,
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Stamford Street, SE1.
September 21.

From Mr David A. A. Amess, MP for Basildon (Conservative)

Sir, Mr Hampson, chairman of the John Lewis Partnership, does well to highlight the fact that, until the present Shops Act is changed, it remains the law of the land, and to remind all concerned that this is a very complex issue. It needs to be properly debated in Parliament on a government bill (yet to be published) and decided on a free vote of MPs.

The costly campaigns being waged by certain large retailers and some of their staff on members of Parliament and others, which include exhortations to visit stores on Sundays "to see shoppers shop", underestimate the intelligence of their audience and may turn out to be counter-productive to their wishes.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID AMESS,
House of Commons.
September 20.

From Mr Bob Clough-Parker

Sir, Your coverage of National Sunday Shopping Day should spur on other citizens who enjoy being incited to break the law.

I am therefore declaring next Sunday "National Child-beating Day" and the Sunday after "National Breaking the Speed Limit Day".

On yesterday's evidence no one should harbour any fears about being prosecuted or Parliament being concerned.

Yours faithfully,
BOB CLOUGH-PARKER,
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Chester, Cheshire.
September 20.

Palace souvenirs

From Councillor Harvey Marshall

Sir, May I put the record straight about Westminster City Council and Buckingham Palace selling souvenirs on Sunday. Contrary to the claim made by Bernard Levin (September 21), I have never said that the Queen should abide by her own laws, which would be both a statement of the obvious and an impertinence to Her Majesty.

The council's policy on Sunday trading is to investigate any complaints about non-compliance that we receive. We had two complaints earlier in the summer about the Palace. Officials put matters right in a speedy and amicable fashion.

Yours sincerely,
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September 21.

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Minoan mystery

From Dr Ian Blake

Sir, Norman Hammond's report and pictures (September 21) on computer enhancement of the head of the "Naked Boy" Minoan wall-painting from Akrotiri on the island of Thera provokes interesting speculation.

I had always assumed that the rather sharp, uptilted, nose of the original restoration was due to distortion caused by crumbled plaster and missing paint.

If the new digitising process is accurate, then it seems that the "snub nose" reflects an artist's observation, 3,500 years ago, that it differed from the longer, straighter nose more commonly depicted.

This, in its turn, promotes intriguing questions, not merely as to the ethnic origins of the "Naked Boy", but also about the nature and origin of a ceremony, important enough to be so strikingly commemorated, in which a foreign youth played an essential part.

Yours faithfully,
IAN BLAKE
(Curator),
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September 21.

Judges of distinction

From Sir Robert Megarry, FBA

Sir, In your obituary of Sir Anthony Plowman (September 11) you say that it was his "misfortune" to be responsible for the day-to-day running of the Chancery Division of the High Court during a period "when not all of its members were regarded as being especially distinguished".

No division of the High Court in which every single member could be regarded as being "especially distinguished" has ever existed or is likely to exist; but if the statement is to be taken not literally (when it would be pointless) but as an assertion that the Chancery bench of his day lacked distinction, it is impossible to agree.

During Tony Plowman's year and a quarter as vice-chancellor, one of the ten other Chancery judges went to the Court of Appeal; and of the ten in office when he retired, six were later members of the Court of Appeal, three of them subsequently going on to the House of Lords.

I am sure that he never regarded himself as suffering any "misfortune" in being responsible for running a division containing such judges. I certainly did not when I succeeded him as vice-chancellor.

I am, Sir,
R. E. MEGARRY,
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Lincoln's Inn, WC2.

Proprietary rights

From Mr Michael Abbott

Sir, I have just received an advertising leaflet from Parcelforce International extolling the virtues of their new "Worldwide Courier Pack". I am addressed as "Soul Propriator, Michael Abbott Distributer".

Perhaps this should have been sent to Mephistopheles.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL ABBOTT,
56 Tothill Street, Minster, Kent.
September 11.

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September 23: The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Right Reverend John Bickersteth at the Service of Thanksgiving for the Life of Mr Henry Cotton (Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Merseyside) which was held in Liverpool Cathedral today.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by the Viscount Leverhulme KG.

The Duke of York was represented by Mrs Jonathan Mathias.

The Prince Edward was represented by Mr Alan Waterworth.

Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester, and The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester were represented by Major Nicholas Barne.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent were represented by Commander Roger Walker.

Princess Alexandra, the Hon Lady Ogilvy, was represented by Sir Kenneth Stoddart.

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
September 23: The Prince Edward, Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, today gave a Luncheon at Buckingham Palace.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 23: The Princess of Wales this evening opened the new Warner West End Cinema, Leicester Square, London WC2.

Her Royal Highness, Patron, the Tushinskaya Children's Hospital Trust, attended the premiere of "The Fugitive".

Viscountess Campden and Mr Patrick Jephson were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
September 23: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Patron, Tenovus, today visited Cardiff and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for South Glamorgan (Captain Norman Lloyd-Edwards).

Her Royal Highness attended a Luncheon at the City Hall to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Tenovus.

The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, later visited the Tenovus Research Centre at the University Hospital of Wales.

The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
September 23: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief, this morning visited the 1st Battalion, the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment at Fort Whiterock and North Howard Street Mill, Belfast, Northern Ireland.

Captain Alex Tetley, Scots Guards, was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

Prince Edward will open the Inverness Sports Centre at 11.15; will attend a luncheon at the Town House at 12.20; and will visit Balnain House, 40 Huntly Street, the home of Highland music, at 2.10. Later, as Chairman of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Special Projects Group, will visit Strathaird Smoked Salmon Processing Factory at 3.15; will attend a reception and presentation on the award at the Highland Regional Buildings at 6.10; and will attend a dinner in support of the award at the Bunchrew House Hotel at 7.50.

The Princess Royal, as Chancellor of London University, will attend a presentation ceremony at Goldsmith's College at 10.30; and, as honorary Air Commodore, will visit RAF Lyneham at 4.00.

School news

St Antony's-Leweston School, Sherborne, Dorset

The Duke of Norfolk, accompanied by the Duchess of Norfolk, will open the new Preparatory at St Antony's-Leweston School at noon today.

Lecture

Royal Society

Professor Alec Jeffreys delivered the Bernal lecture to the Royal Society last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace. Sir Michael Atiyah, OM, president, was in the chair.

Receptions

Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, KG

Lord Callaghan of Cardiff, KG, a Vice-President of King George's Fund for Sailors, was host at a reception for the fund held yesterday in the House of Lords.

Fulbright Commission

Mr Edward C. McBride, American Cultural Attaché and Chairman of the Fulbright Commission, and Captain John E. Franklin, executive director of the commission, welcomed the guests at a reception held last night at the American Embassy in honour of the 45th group of American Fulbright scholars at the start of their year in the United Kingdom.

Howe Robinson & Co

Howe Robinson & Co held a reception at the Merchant Taylor's Hall last night to celebrate its 110th Anniversary. A large number of their friends and associates attended both from home and abroad and many of their past and present staff. Speeches were made by Mr G. Adams, President of Canadian Transport Vancouver, by past Chairman, Mr H.M. Lund, and by the current Chairman, Mr R.I. Lund.

Dinner

Royal College of Radiologists

The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress of Coventry attended the annual dinner of the Royal College of Radiologists held last night at Warwick University. Dr C.H. Paine, president, and Mrs Paine were the hosts.

Today's birthdays

Miss Svetlana Beriozova, ballerina, 61; Sir Mervyn Brown, diplomat, 70; Professor T.E. Burlin, rector, Westminster University, 62; Sir Seymour Egerton, former chairman, Coutts and Company, 78; Mr Brian Glanville, author, 62; Vice-Admiral Sir Alan Grose, 56; Professor Richard Hoggart, former warden, Goldsmith's College, 75; Mrs Catherine Hughes, principal, Somerville College, Oxford, 60; Sir Robin Kinahan, former Lord Lieutenant of the County Borough of Belfast, 77; Sir David Lane, former MP, 71; Air Marshal Sir John Lapsley, 77; Professor Bernard Nevill, designer, 59; Mr Anthony Newley, actor and singer, 62; Professor Sir Owen Saunders, former vice-chancellor, London University, 89; Mr L. Urquhart, former chairman, Burmah Castrol, 58; Mr Justice Warner, 69; Dr Manfred Wörner, secretary-general, Nato, 59.

Memorial services

Mr Henry Cotton

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh were represented by the Right Rev John Bickersteth at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Mr Henry Cotton held yesterday in Liverpool Cathedral.

The Prince and Princess of Wales were represented by Viscount Leverhulme, KG, the Duke of York by Mrs Jonathan Mathias, Prince Edward by Mr Alan Waterworth, Princess Alice Duchess of Gloucester and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester by Major Nicholas Barne, the Duke and Duchess of Kent by Commander Roger Walker and Princess Alexandra by Sir Kenneth Stoddart.

The Dean of Liverpool officiated. Mr Simon Cotton, brother, and Mr Charles Bateson read the lessons and Mr Donald Tod gave an address. Canon Nicholas Frayling and members of the Chapter were robed and in the choir. The Lords Lieutenant of Cheshire, Lancashire and Greater Manchester attended.

Miss Joan Hughes

A service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Miss Joan Hughes was held yesterday at St Mary's, Wargrave, Berkshire. The Rev John W. Ratings officiated. Mr Dudley Steynor read *High Flight* by Pilot Officer John Gillespie Magee and Mrs Freydis Sharland gave an address.

Mr B.C. Briant

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Bernard Christian (Chris) Briant will be held at St Lawrence Jewry-next-Guildhall, London, EC2, on Thursday, October 21, at 11.30am.

Charity ball

Company of World Traders

The Master, Mr George Capon, was host at a Charity Ball on Tuesday evening in International House, St Katharine by the Tower, attended by the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress Sir Francis McWilliams and Lady McWilliams, accompanied by Mr Alderman and Sheriff Roger Cork and Mrs Cork, Mr Sheriff Anthony Moss and Mrs Moss and Colonel Mark Carnegie-Brown, City Marshal. Among others present were:

Past Masters of the Company: Lord and Lady Limerick, Alderman Sir Peter Gadsden and Lady Gadsden, Mr and Mrs Peter Drew, Mr and Mrs Richard Charvet, Mr and Mrs Peter Bowring; Senior Warden, The Rev Canon Peter Delaney; Junior Warden, Mr Bryan Montgomery; the Master of the Company of Watermen & Lightermen, Mr Peter Roberts and Mrs Roberts, and many other members friends and supporters.

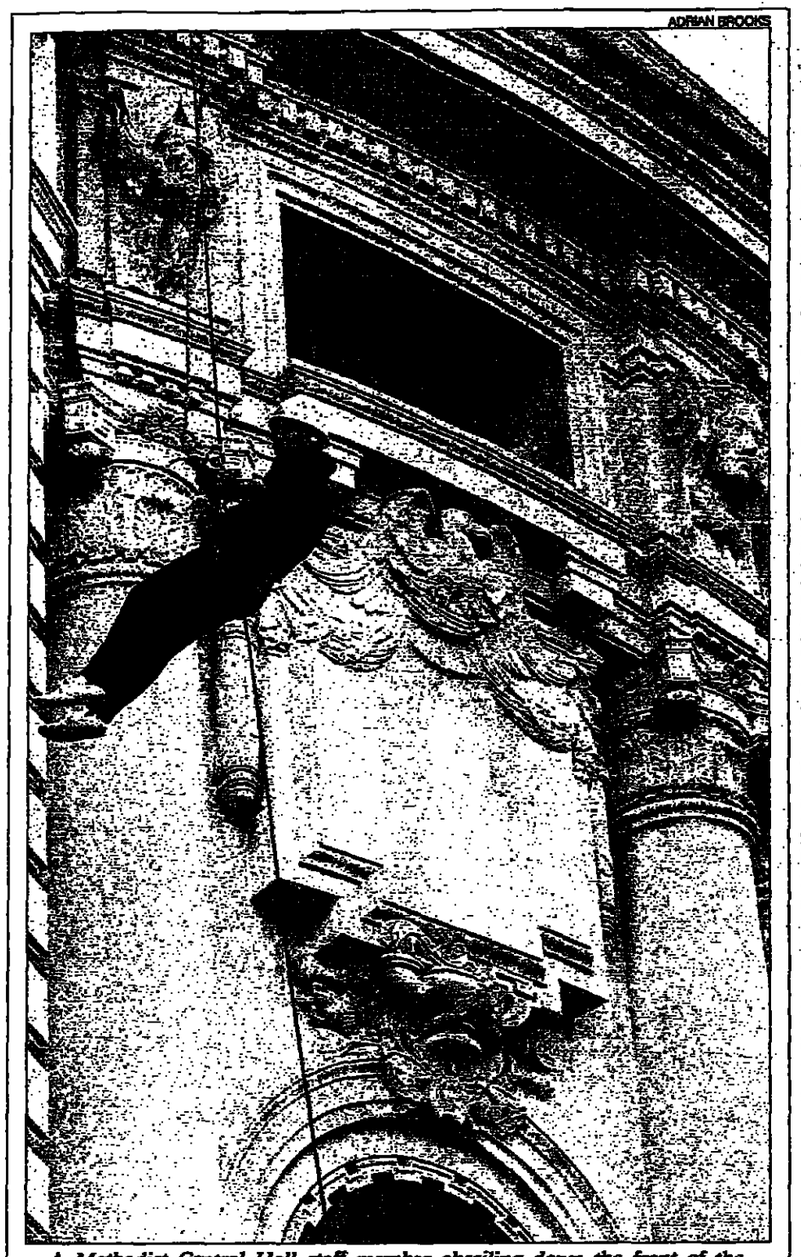
Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Albrecht von Wallenstein, general, Hermanice, Bohemia, 1583; Horace Walpole, 4th Earl of Orford, writer, London, 1717; Samuel R. Crockett, novelist, Little Duchrae, Kirkcudbright, 1860; Georges Claude, engineer, Paris, 1870; Sir Alan (A.P.) Herbert, writer and politician, Elstead, Surrey, 1890; F. Scott Fitzgerald, novelist, St Paul, Minnesota, 1896; Howard Walter Florey, Baron Florey, pathologist, creator of penicillin therapy, Nobel laureate 1945, Adelaide, 1898; Sir William Dobell, painter, Newcastle, NSW, 1899; Konstantin Chernenko, General Secretary of the Soviet Community Party 1984-85, Bolshaya Tes, Central Siberia, 1911.

DEATHS: Paracelsus, physician, Salzburg, 1541; Niels Finsen, physician, Nobel laureate 1903, Copenhagen, 1904; Melanie Klein, psychoanalyst, London, 1960.

The St Leger horse race was run for the first time, Doncaster, 1776.

The first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, the *USS Enterprise*, was launched Newport, Virginia, 1960.



ADRIAN BROOKS

A Methodist Central Hall staff member abseiling down the front of the building in Westminster, London, yesterday to raise funds for its restoration

Methodists cash in on climb-down

BY JOHN YOUNG

LED by their general manager, Peter Tudor, members of the staff of the Methodist Central Hall abseiled down the Portland stone facade of the building yesterday to raise money. Theirs was one of a number of special events and services to mark the restoration of the building. They include a civic service on October 10, at which Lord Soper, now in his 90th year, will be the guest preacher. So far nearly £3 million has been spent on what John Betjeman described as "by far the finest example in London of Viennese baroque conceived by an Edwardian architect". At least £500,000 more is needed to install lifts and provide disabled access. A new central heating system and redecoration will follow. The grandiose building, opposite Westminster Abbey and designed by Edwin Rickards, dates from 1912. It was not completed until 1934 because of a dispute with Westminster Hospital which then occupied a site in Broad Sanctuary. The hospital invoked the law of ncient lights in objecting to two proposed towers on the east front which, it claimed, would deprive some wards of sunlight. In 1946 the hall was used for the first meeting of the United Nations general assembly, attended by 51 delegations.

Latest wills

John Durival Kemp, 1st Viscount **Rochdale**, of Lingholm, Keswick, Cumbria, the textile magnate, financier and industrialist, and former chairman of the Cotton Board, left estate valued at £506,076 net.

Mrs Mary Isobel Grove, of Solihull, West Midlands, left estate valued at £6,653,079 net.

Mr William Needham **Turner**, of London, W1, left estate valued at £1,070,821 net. He died intestate.

Other estates include (net, before tax):

Mr Anthony John Claude Gaire **Blunt**, of Maldon, Essex ..... £3,404,017.

Mr Eric Stanley **Bowell**, of Gnosall, Staffordshire ..... £640,793.

Nancy Elizabeth **Fozzard**, of Wetherby, West Yorkshire ..... £540,838.

Mrs Ida **Sondheimer**, of London, NH ..... £1,984,297.

Mr Austin Borden Rex **Sutton**, of Harrogate, North Yorkshire ..... £598,212.

Mr Frank Asquith Van den **Bergh**, of Lymington, Hampshire ..... £1,273,497.

Frida Anna Bertha **Wilby**, of Beaulieu, Hampshire ..... £517,114.

Mrs Gertrude **Lasg**, of Harrow, north west London ..... £949,259.

Appointments

Mrs Valerie Buckley and George Frederick Cawood to be joint district judges; Mrs Buckley for the districts of Manchester, Oldham, Stockport and Tameside County Courts and in the District Registry of the High Court at Manchester; and Mr Cawood for the district of Portsmouth County Court and in the District Registry of the High Court at Portsmouth.

Election

Robert M. Worcester has been elected Chairman of The Pilgrims. He succeeds Robert L. Sigmon. The Pilgrims were founded 90 years ago to promote Anglo-American relations.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr A.G. Allwood and the Hon Catherine Arundell

The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs C. Allwood, of Ferndown, Dorset, and Catherine, daughter of Lord Talbot of Malahide and of the late Lady Talbot of Malahide.

Mr A.M. Brimer and Miss D.A. Childs

The engagement is announced between Adrian, eldest son of Professor and Mrs M.A. Brimer, of Awre, Gloucestershire, and Deborah, daughter of the Rev M.L. and Mrs Childs, of Pinner, Middlesex.

Mr L.P.N. Dugdale and Miss E.G. Bailey

The engagement is announced between Luke, second son of Mr and Mrs Peter Dugdale, of Hambledon, Hampshire, and Elizabeth, youngest daughter of the late Mr A.G. "Bill" Bailey and of Mrs Gillian Bailey, of Emsworth, Hampshire.

Mr P.A. Fownes-Walpole and Miss L.J. d'Adhémar de Labaume

The engagement is announced between Patrick, only son of Mr Alan Walpole, of Clacton, Essex, and Ms Christine Fownes, of Wimbledon, London, and Lisa, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter d'Adhémar de Labaume, of Goldhanger, Essex.

Mr T.J. Inskip and Miss P.A.C. Browning

The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Mr John Inskip, of Lower Eashing, Surrey, and Mrs Elena Inskip, of Barnes, London, and Philippa, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Jeffrey Browning, of Worlingworth, Woodbridge, Suffolk.

Mr M. Ivens and Miss A. McElvoy

The engagement is announced between Martin, son of Michael Ivens, CBE, of London, NW8, and Rosalie Ivens, of London, NW11, and Anne, only daughter of Alexander and Mary McElvoy, of Dipton, Co Durham.

Mr J.F. Jibilian and Miss A.C. Penruddocke

The engagement is announced between John, only son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Jibilian, of Greenwich, Connecticut, USA, and Antonia, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs Charles Penruddocke, of Dagg House, Ewhurst Green, East Sussex, and Greenwich, Connecticut.

Mr D.J. McArthur and Miss X. Saunders

Mr and Mrs Iain McArthur, of Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, are pleased to announce the engagement of their eldest son, David, to Xavora, daughter of Mr and Mrs Christopher Saunders, of La Jolla, California.

Mr P.M.T. McKenna and Miss A. Collins

The engagement is announced between Paul, only son of Mrs Jane Jaeger, of Tangmere, Chichester, West Sussex, and Ashleigh, youngest daughter of Mrs Collins, of Cape Town, South Africa.

Mr A.J. Peacock and Miss C.J.T. Lyon

The engagement is announced between Adrian, son of Mr and Mrs G.A. Peacock, of Winslow, Buckinghamshire, and Catherine, daughter of Mr and Mrs Stewart Lyon, of Guildford.

Mr J.M. Turner and Mejuffrouw Mr F.J.A. Edelaar

The engagement is announced between James, elder son of Sir Michael and Lady Turner, of Maidford, Northamptonshire, and Franca, younger daughter of Drs and Mevrouw W.F.J. Edelaar, of Leiden, The Netherlands.

Marriage

Mr N.T. Griffiths and Miss P.A. Gillies Shields

The marriage took place on September 23, 1993, in London, of Neal, only son of Mr and Mrs John Griffiths, of Somerset, to Polly Ann, only daughter of Mr and Mrs John Gillies Shields, of Leicestershire.

Pipers face the music with new tunes

BY ANGUS NICOL

THE principal competition on the second day of the Northern Meeting Piping competitions was the Clasp to the Gold Medal, open only to holders of the Highland Society of London's Gold Medal.

This year the set tunes were all composed in this century, and were contained, with one exception, in the Piobaireachd Society's book of 20th century Piobaireachd. It is the Piobaireachd Society's hope that these tunes will prove attractive enough to remain in the repertoire. These have never been heard in competition before, and it may be that there was a little reluctance among some pipers to learn new tunes which may not stand the test of time.

The entry for this event was also undoubtedly affected by the Competing Pipers' Association boycott. However, six pipers entered, of whom one withdrew because of illness. The winner was Angus MacColl, with a beautiful performance of Archibald Campbell of Kilberry's tune "A Lament for Angus Campbell". William Livingstone took second place, with the late Captain John MacLellan's "Phantom Piper of Corrieyairack". In third place, Jack Lee played "Roderick MacDonald's Salute", from Donald MacLeod's first book. Arthur Gillies took fourth place with the "Lament for P/M Robert Reid", by William Barrie.

It will be interesting to see, over the next few years, whether any of these tunes find a place in the pipers' repertoire.

In the light music events, the Strathspey and reel A grade was won by Wilson Brown, and the B grade by Allan Russell. The jig competition, with 22 competitors, reduced after a preliminary round to a short leet of eight, was won by Corporal Gordon Walker.

The Glenmorangie Prize Pipe, for the best overall piper in the Clasp and March, Strathspey and reel competitions, was won by Angus MacColl.

Second day's results

Clasp: 1. Angus MacColl; 2. William Livingstone; 3. Jack Lee; 4. Arthur Gillies. Judges: Donald MacPherson, Tom Speirs, James Burnet.

Strathspey and Reel A: 1. Wilson Brown; 2. Sgt Michael Elder; 3. Alan Bevan; 4. Gavin Walker.

Strathspey and Reel B: 1. Allan Russell; 2. Douglas Murray; 3. Darran Hood; 4. Douglas Pincock. Judges (A and B): P/M David Aitken, Walter Drysdale, Alan Forbes.

Jigs: 1. Cpl Gordon Walker; 2. Jack Lee; 3. Angus MacColl; 4. Dr Angus MacDonald. Judges: Ronald Morrison, James Young, P/M Angus MacLellan.

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ADOPTIONS

BUTLER - Willem and Jean of New Haven, Conn., USA, a daughter, Elizabeth Lorca, born in Cochabamba, Bolivia, on 6th August 1993.

BIRTHS

ATKINSON - On 20th September, to Richard and Helen, a son, William Richard Bryant, a brother for Naomi and Charlotte.

BINNS - On 12th September, to Dorcas (née Young) and David, a girl, Sophia Virginia Jane, a sister to Robert, Victoria and Katherine.

BROMFIELD - On September 21st, to Amanda (née Futty) and Charles, a son, Theodore, a brother for Jamie and William.

BRYANT-HERON - On September 20th 1993, to Elizabeth (née Pratt) and Mark, twin daughters, Eleanor Beatrice and Kathryn Elizabeth.

CUNNINGHAM - On 21st September, to Cilla (née Bain) and Paul, a son, Benjamin.

DENMAN - On September 19th, to Carina (née Smith) and Nicholas, a daughter, Sophie Eleanor Gabrielle.

EASON - On September 20th at the John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, to Sarah (née Mathewson) and William, a son, George William Matthew, a long awaited brother for Polly.

EDMONDS - On September 18th at Freedom Fields Hospital, Plymouth, to Anne (née Gray) and David, a son, Harry Benjamin, a brother for Mark and Nicol.

FLANAGAN - On August 20th at Solihull Hospital, to Denise and Eddie, a son, Rory David.

GIBSON - Philip and Meredith are delighted to announce the arrival of Stephanie Emma Adrienne, born September 13th 1993 at The Matilda Hospital, Hong Kong. Granddaughter for David and Anne Gibson.

KUROSAWA - On September 16th at the Wellington Hospital, to Emiko and Takuma, a beautiful daughter.

LANDALE - On 20th September 1993 at Cresswell Maternity Hospital, Dumfries, to Peter and Sarah (née Younger), a daughter, Kirsty Anne, a sister for Charlie and Rory.

MORGAN - On September 22nd at The Portland Hospital, to Ralph and Kelly, a beautiful son at 6.09 am, weight 9lbs 2oz.

OLSSON - On September 20th at The Portland Hospital, to Siri and Hakan, a big handsome fellow, Erik. Hello grandparents in Norway and Sweden!

VAN STOLK-VICKERS - On September 22nd in Durban, to Sara and Michael, a daughter, Julia Rose.

WACE - On September 17th at The Portland Hospital, to Joanne (née Menaged) and Ian, a daughter, Alicia, a sister for Guy.

YOUNG - On September 20th, to Sara (née Rucker) and Keith, two daughters, Jemima and Rosie.

DEATHS

AITKEN - Winifred Pansy (Penelope Drummond) on 19th September in Oxford. Funeral at Oxford Crematorium on 27th. All enquiries to (0993) 706778.

ANDERSON - Suddenly on September 23rd 1993, in hospital Major Douglas Anderson, M.B.E., M.C., of Cadenuir, Peebles. Cremation private, thereafter Memorial Service in Manor Church, by Peebles, on Tuesday September 28th at 12.30 pm to which all friends are invited.

BIRRELL - Robert Duncan, on September 21st 1993 at home. Much loved husband of Joy, father of Juliet, Carolyn and Hamish and grandfather of Daniel, Ruth, Duncan and Tammy. Private cremation. No flowers please, but donations if desired to Sight Savers, PO Box 191, Haywards Heath, RH16 4YF.

BORNER-DAVIES - Suddenly and peacefully on September 9th at the home of his parents, Ralph, the beloved son of Mr and Mrs Llewelyn Davies of Porthcawl. Loving father and grandfather. Private cremation has taken place.

BROOKER - Henry Frank (Jim) aged 86. On September 21st suddenly at home. Beloved husband of Mia and father of Peter and Richard. Cremation at Randalls Park, Leatherhead, at noon on Thursday 30th September. Flowers to F.W. Chitty & Co., 45 Elmgrove Road, Weybridge, Surrey.

BUTTON - Stuart Charles on 22nd September aged 88, 48 years representing The Solicitors' Law Stationery Society, before retiring to Sidmouth, Hythe and Heddington, Wiltshire. Uncle to Jean Button, Sheila Solbe, Brian and Paul G. Norton, a great-uncle and a great-great-uncle. Cremation at Haycombe Crematorium, Bath, on Friday 1st October at 11.40 am. Enquiries to E. Wootten, tel: (02491 812258.

CHAPMAN - Suddenly at the Royal Infirmary, Glasgow, on Wednesday 22nd September 1993, John, dearly loved husband of Christina, much loved father of John and David and dearly loved father-in-law of Margaret. Late of James Buchanan (Distillers Ltd.), W.P. Lowrie (Cooperage Ltd.) and DCL (Cooperage Ltd.) and formerly of 7th Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders and Durham Light Infantry. Service at Co-operative Funeral Parlour, 1336 Shettleston Road, G32, on Tuesday 28th September at 1.15 pm, thereafter to Daldowie Crematorium. Broom House, arriving at 1.30 pm to which all friends are respectfully invited. No flowers please.

DEATHS

ELSBURY - Stanley Milford on September 22nd 1993, Stanley aged 78 years, (formerly of Marrington Mill, Chirbury, widower of Patricia (Margerison) and father of Ann, John and Patrick. Funeral Service at Shrewsbury Crematorium on Thursday September 30th at 2 pm. Family flowers only please, donations if wished to The Shropshire & Mid Wales Hospice. Enquiries please to the Funeral Directors W.R.R. Pugh & Son, tel: (0743) 344646.

HENRY - Cicely (née Gough) on September 22nd at Neathorn, Kelso, peacefully, aged 94, widow of Wilfred, Colonel PAVO Cavalry. Funeral at 11 am Monday 27th September at Neathorn.

INNOCENT - Harold Sidney Innocent, Actor aged 60 died on 12th September 1993. Funeral at 1 pm on Wednesday 29th September 1993 at Putney Vale Cemetery. Please direct all enquiries to Barker & Fletcher, Funeral Directors, 235 Munster Road, Fulham, London SW6, tel no: (071) 385-0866.

JOHNSON - Warren Gordon on 17th September in Bromley. Much loved father of James, Anna and Siobhan and devoted grandfather. Funeral Service at St Edmund's Church, Beckenham, at 12 noon on Friday 24th September.

KING - On September 14th, suddenly but peacefully in Hanoi, Vietnam, Joseph Simon, much loved husband of Paloma and dear father of Simon, Adam and Laura. Funeral Service at West Norwood Crematorium on Wednesday 29th September at 2.30 pm. Family flowers only please. Donations to Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity, Calcutta, India. Donations and enquiries to Kellaways Funeral Service, 104 Lordship Lane, London SE22 8HF, tel: (081) 693-2898.

MANNING - On September 17th in Winchester, previously of Hampton Court Palace, Olga Mary, widow of Brigadier-General Sir William Manning G.C.M.G., K.B.E., C.B. Much loved mother of Rowena and Dora and the late Barbara. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

MASON - Dr. Eleanor, former Principal of Women's Christian College Madras, India, passed away on September 20th at a nursing home in Boston, U.S.A. Memorial Services will be held in Harvard and at the Church of the Advent in Boston.

MURCHIE - Joyce, in her 93rd year, died on 18th September. Funeral at Putney Vale Crematorium on Wednesday 29th September at 10.30 am.

PARIS - Leonard French, FCA, on September 13th after a long struggle against cancer. Cremation has taken place. No letters please at his own request.

PICKARD - On 21st September 1993, at Midhurst, Colonel E.C. Pickard D.S.O. (Pick) late R.A. & Frontier Force Rifles I.A. Family cremation. Thanksgiving Service at Midhurst Parish Church on Wednesday 29th September 1993 at 2.30 pm. No flowers please by request. Donations appreciated to League of Friends Midhurst Cottage Hospital c/o L.F. Lintott & Son, North Street, Midhurst. (07730) 813264.

PRENDERGAST - On September 17th in London, Sir John Vincent, aged 81. Husband of Dolly and father of Peter and Eileen. Requiem Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Farm Street, on September 29th at 10.30 am. No flowers. Donations to Cancer Research and NSPCC.

SIMMONDS - On Monday 20th September 1993, Muriel, aged 89. Widow of John Richardson Mainwaring Simmons. Cremation Wednesday 29th September at 3.30 pm Mortlake Crematorium, London SW14. Enquiries to W.S. Bond Ltd. Funeral Directors, (081) 994-0277.

TURNER - Sally P.M., on 21st September in hospital after a long and brave struggle against cancer. Funeral Wednesday 29th September at 10.30 am in Holy Trinity Church, Trinity Road, London SW17. Donations, if wished, to cancer charities.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

BIRT - The Memorial Service for the late Alan Beckett Birt C.B.E., F.R.C.S., will be held at the Norwich Cathedral, Norfolk, on Friday November 5th 1993 at 3 pm.

DERRYS - A Memorial Service to celebrate the life of Rodney Dennys, Arundel Herald, will be held at St James' Church, Garlick Hill, London EC4, on Tuesday 12th October at 11.30 am. All are welcome.

MONTAGU DOUGLAS SCOTT - A Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Lady Victoria Montagu Douglas Scott will be held in St Columba's, Pont Street, London SW1, on Tuesday 2nd November 1993 at 12 noon.

SPEIRS - A Thanksgiving Service for the life of John A.A. Speirs, who died on Saturday 11th September 1993, will be held in Glasgow Cathedral at 11 am on Friday 1st October 1993. No flowers please. Donations, if desired, to The Trades House Restoration Appeal.

IN MEMORIAM — PRIVATE

BETTSWORTH - Michael Timothy - MT - you are always with us all our love Mum, Dad, Sarah and Oliver.

DE FERRANTI - In loving memory of Boz, still sadly missed by Hilary and all the family.

MOLLOY - François, died September 24th 1973, aged 23. Loved and remembered always.

CONGRATULATIONS

MARY Congratulations to Steve James on your BBC Honours from all the family in Thanet & especially from Thomas, Marie-France and Alain in France.

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VARINDRA VITTACHI

Varindra Tarzie Vittachi, deputy executive director of Unicef, 1980-88, died in Chinnor, Oxfordshire, on September 17 aged 71. He was born in Ceylon on September 23, 1921.



"TARZIE," as he was best known, served the United Nations for twenty years, rising in 1983 to the rank of an assistant secretary-general. He was the antithesis of the cautiously prudent public servant. He could easily take on the demeanour of a guru or the fire of a revivalist preacher. He was irreverent towards institutions and prepared to be agreeably reckless in his assault on pomp. In 1988, in an article for *Condé Nast's Traveler* magazine, he revealed how, for 25 years, he had regularly bamboozled immigration and customs officials around the world by travelling on the documents of the sovereign republic of Amnesia. (He also decorated his passport with the phoney rubber stamp of "Dr Portly Rumbel of the Quarantine Department".)

A journalist before he became an international administrator, he had no time at all for any institution that contrived to put its own dignity before the needs of individuals. In the political by-play of the United Nations, his slogan was "Everything is about something else". The Third World as a rallying cry, he once wrote, was a piece of counterfeit currency. "Singapore with a per capita income of $4,430 and even Saudi Arabia with $18,344 per capita belong to the Third World. The possibility that they themselves might wish it that way for other reasons does not remove its absurdity."

Political correctness was alien to his vocabulary. His best known book, *Brown Sahib* (1968), satirised the rulers who succeeded the British, but wanted to imitate their former imperial masters; he hilariously revisited the scene about which he had written in 1988.

Working with such enterprising UN officials as Rafael Salas and then Jim Grant, Tarzie Vittachi's candour and distinctive style were a plus rather than a minus. He was appointed executive secretary of World Population Year in 1974, director of information for the UN Population Fund from 1975 to 1979, and was deputy executive director of Unicef with responsibility for external affairs from 1980 to 1988. Thereafter he served as a consultant to the United Nations Development Programme and Unicef until his death.

Vittachi's early experience in journalism always informed his energetic diplomacy. He was on first-name terms with almost all the heads of government and opinion-formers in Asia, though he was for many years regarded as a firebrand. He was the son of a schoolmaster and became a headmaster himself when he was 23, but his lively conscience and love of language led him on to a polemical newspaper career.

In 1953, when he was 32, he became editor of the *Ceylon Observer* and in 1958 exposed the role of the government of Mrs Bandaranaike in the incitement of race riots. For this account, published in book form as *Emergency: 58*, he won the Magasaysay prize in 1959 — and had to flee his native land. He was for years *persona non grata*: in 1986, this injustice was rectified when the University of Colombo awarded him a DLitt.

Forced out of his editor's chair, his quality was recognised by Jim Rose, director of the International Press Institute, a body of editors dedicated to defending freedom of the press, and he and Rose undertook prodigious journeys throughout South-East Asia to foster IPI training programmes. Vittachi inspired many of today's editors with a vision of the journalist's role in a developing society; mixed with hard-headed practical advice on putting out newspapers. In parts of southern India the make-up sheet for planning the next day's newspaper is known as "a Vittachi": until he arrived, pages were not designed by the editors, but thrown together by the printers. He was Asian director of the International Press Institute for five years from 1960 and was then a key player in forming the Press Foundation of Asia, which did much to establish the principles of a free press in societies that had little experience of it.

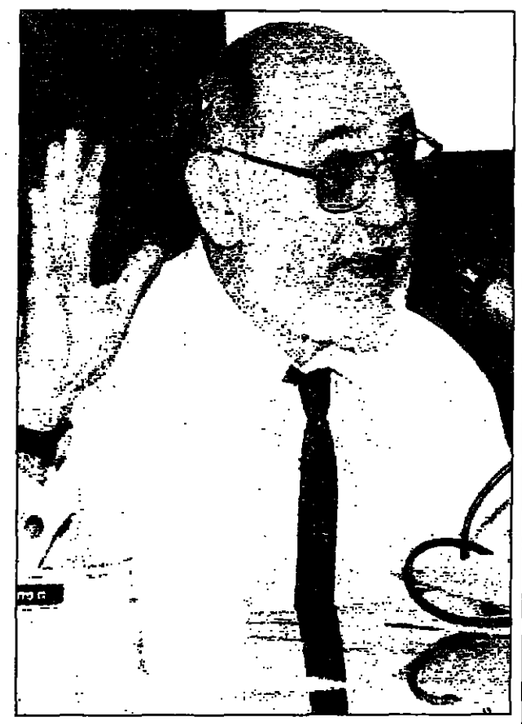
Vittachi maintained his journalism throughout his life. While with the IPI, he was simultaneously a correspondent for *The Economist*, the BBC, and *The Sunday Times* of London, and a columnist for *Newsweek* (the first UN official to be such). He brilliantly documented the mass murders in Indonesia around the time of the overthrow of Sukarno, published as his fifth book in 1967. In 1973 he founded and became editor-in-chief of an English-language newspaper, *The Asian*, published from Hong Kong.

His spiritual life became increasingly important to him. He was a member of the spiritual brotherhood, Subud (founded in Java in 1947), and only a month ago, though seriously ill, travelled to Colombia with his wife, Sarojini, for a rapturous reception by a thousand fellow members. He was one of the founders of the Global Forum on Spiritual and Parliamentary Leaders on Human Survival that brought together religious leaders, scientists, legislators and journalists. He was as much at home in spiritual meetings, academic seminars, the villages of South Asia, and the mazes of the United Nations as he was in press rooms. His global vision and unaffected love of humanity made him at all levels a brilliant mobiliser for action on questions of poverty and the environment and especially for children. His voice will resonate beyond his death. His last book, *Between the Guns*, describing how Unicef arranged truces for children's welfare in the middle of civil conflicts, will be published posthumously.

Tarzie Vittachi leaves four sons and a daughter by three marriages.

AARON WILDAVSKY

Aaron Wildavsky, political scientist, died from lung cancer in Oakland, California, on September 4 aged 63. He was born in New York City on May 31, 1930.



AARON WILDAVSKY was ...nder dean of the School of ...blic Policy in Berkeley, for... president of the American ...itical Science Association, ...d for 30 years one of the ...st creative figures in Amer... political studies. With ...ical irreverence he once ...d that he did so badly in ...h school that his parents' ...t ambition for him was to ...e enough to buy a liquor ...e which would "combine a ...ite collar occupation with ...d income from people who ...uld know better than to ...k".

His first major interest in ...tics was in budgeting. The ...*itics of the Budgeting Pro...* (1964) brought new real... to the subject. Looking for ...larities and system in the ...tegies of department ...ds he showed how budget ...s emerge from negotiation ... bargaining inside the ...shington Bureau of the ...iget. He continued to work ... the theory of budgeting: ...*rning and Budgeting in ... Countries* (1974, written ... Naomi Caid). *The Private ...ernment of Public Money* ..., with Hugh Heclo) about control of public expenditure in Whitehall, and *The Comparative Theory of Budgetary Processes* (1975).

A budget is on the surface; beneath it lies political conflict and over it floats abstract academic theory. Wildavsky situated his budgetary studies within the theoretical field outlined by his teachers at Yale, particularly Robert Dahl who, in addressing Madison's problem of a non-tyrannical republic, challenged political theorists to come down to earth and study the social prerequisites of democracy. In distinguishing two kinds of budget, objecting to one ("programmatic budgeting") for being over-axiomatised and distant from reality, and advocating the other ("incremental budgeting"), Aaron Wildavsky accepted the challenge.

Wildavsky held that it was impossible to develop a budget from an intellectual base; to be workable it had to be founded on moral commitments and accepted institutions. When Jimmy Carter tried to introduce a "zero-based budget", and failed dismally, Wildavsky voted for Reagan. His own reflection on the Madisonian debates is expressed in the book title: *The Revolt against the Masses* (1971).

During the 1960s the self-defeatingly violent behaviour of campus radicals turned his attention to the political claims of the environmentalists. He saw the movement as "a variety of elitist contempt for the mass of citizens rather than a manifestation of popular revolt against an unrepresentative establishment".

The literary model which made him shudder was the violent sectarian righteousness of the army of the Covenanters in Walter Scott's *Old Mortality*; the immediate historical model was obviously the fate of the Jews in this century. The demands for regulation of lifestyles, "political correctness" and all-round reduction of risks to health he saw as dangerously sectarian.

Hence his interest in the sociology of religion and anthropology, and his theory of political cultures which provided four or five instead of just two kinds of decision-making. He used to say: "Cultural theory is the best game in town; it is a pity no one is playing it." However, his efforts to establish a data base from which the theory could be tested in surveys are finally succeeding.

Aaron Wildavsky, attended Brooklyn College from where he won a Fulbright scholarship to Australia, and eventually took a PhD at Yale in political science. He taught for a few years at Oberlin College, Ohio, then in 1963 went to the University of California at Berkeley, where he remained except for a year which he spent in New York as president of the Russell Sage Foundation.

Wildavsky worked with distinction in such diverse fields that it is hard to put them together; yet his background helps to show the unity of his thought. He was devoted to his father, a Russian Jewish *émigré*, whom he commemorated in a moving essay: "The Richest Boy in Poltava" (1975).

There were learned rabbis and holy men in his family history, but his parents struggled in extreme poverty and managed without reading books. This gave his approach to politics its down-to-earth style, free of cant and obscurantism. Policy analysis should, he felt, be a craft, essentially accessible and useful to policy-makers and their critics. *Speaking Truth to Power* (1979) is the title that best expresses this vocation: truth is blunt, tends to be unpopular and is bound to be controversial; rather be rude and rough than not be understood.

He developed a personal style, Talmudic paradox spiced with Brooklyn streetwise quips and Jewish jokes. Wildavsky planned a trilogy of public policy studies of the Bible. In *The Nursing Father. Moses as a Political Leader* (1990), dedicated to the memory of his father, Moses comes out well; but Joseph comes out badly in *Assimilation versus Separation. Joseph the Public Administrator* (1993). He had planned a political study of the Kings of Israel. He was trying to finish a book on rational choice, another on risk, and a funny-profound article on Freud's theory of joking, sprinkled with Jewish jokes. He said he wanted to leave his friends laughing.

He was twice married and is survived by his widow Mary, and three sons and one daughter of his first marriage.

A. J. WELLS

Arthur James Wells, OBE, General Editor of the *British National Bibliography*, 1949-75, died in Brighton on August 26 aged 81. He was born in Croydon on August 8, 1912.



A. J. WELLS designed and developed, in the *British National Bibliography* (*BNB*), the most towering contribution of our time to the bibliographic control of the massively increasing annual number of new publications. This increase, as the main component of the so-called "information explosion", is the dominant feature of 20th-century culture in this and many other countries. With *BNB* Wells laid the basis which enabled users of libraries, large and small, to gain access to these new publications.

Refining to their limits the standards and practices of conventional bibliography, librarianship and printing technology, twenty years and more before on-line computer databases were even thought of, he fashioned a uniquely elegant communication system of immense versatility and strength, giving him a claim as bibliographic engineer to rank in his field with Brunel and Telford in theirs.

BNB was set up to fulfil two long-felt needs: one, for a comprehensive and regularly published listing of all publications, trade and non-trade; the other, for a cost-saving centralised cataloguing service for libraries. There were repeated calls for the latter by a departmental committee and a royal commission in 1927 and 1930, but Lionel McColvin's 1942 report to the Library Association on the postwar development of the public libraries system was the first to propose that these two needs be met in a single published service, using the statutory input to the British Museum Library by publishers under the Copyright Deposit Laws as source materials for both purposes.

Wells returned from wartime military service to be deputy librarian at Acton, West London, championed McColvin's proposal and offered, in print, ideas on its implementation. In 1949 he was invited to put these into practice as General Editor of the newly-founded *BNB*.

Constrained by the need for compatibility with the imprecise standards used by most libraries for their own collections, he and his small group of colleagues set to work to resolve the many mutual conflicts in the twin functions that *BNB* was to serve. Above all they aimed to design a classificatory and indexing structure which would simultaneously identify the subjects of publications at a high level of specificity. Thus they would provide Dewey numbers for the books represented by the entries to be arranged on shelves in libraries, enable cumulations of weekly listings to be made over periods ranging from a month to five years, and provide maximally useful collocations and consistently accurate subject indexing at all stages.

The concepts of "facet analysis" and "synthetic classification" were then reaching Britain from India through Bernard Palmer, outstanding librarian and friend, who as a serviceman stationed in Madras had absorbed them directly from the great S. R. Ranganathan. With Palmer, Wells later wrote the seminal *Fundamentals of Library Classification*. They were the inspirational source from which Wells and his colleagues found such boldly innovatory solutions to all these problems that they not only provided a solid foundation for future development but, in the atmosphere of the time, greatly excited the profession. They established *BNB* as a kind of emblem for the young progressives seeking to make of libraries and librarianship motors of postwar social reconstruction and development.

The *BNB* service was embraced by its users with almost proprietorial enthusiasm and in 1967 research showed it to be an integral element in the management systems of almost all UK libraries. It was admired and imitated the world over. It advanced towards computerisation, with the development of the first MARC (Machine Readable Cataloguing) tapes; and in 1974, after much hard bargaining, Wells led the *BNB* and its staff into the newly-formed British Library, where they became the Bibliographic Services Division and he was briefly the division's first director-general. But he knew he would be out of his creative element in the civil-service ambience of the new institution, and he soon retired from the post and from librarianship altogether.

Twelve years later he was invited up from Brighton by a successor director-general to a celebratory exhibition on *BNB* at the British Library in London. He toured the stands of microform systems, magnetic tapes, on line terminals, personal computers and compact-disc drives which have become the manifold mechanisms for the delivery to world-wide user networks of the same *BNB* (though now generically called *BNBMARC*) he had created nearly forty years before.

He was clearly impressed, but "I honestly didn't expect it to last so long," was all he said.

KAREL KUCEK

Karel Kucek, OBE, deputy chairman of Lotus shoes, 1975-82, died on September 19 aged 76. He was born in Bohemia on August 17, 1917.



KAREL Kucek was one of the grand old men of the British shoe industry, and was particularly associated with the history of one of its few quality branded names still flourishing today, Lotus Shoes.

Kucek was passionate about the need for product development and recognised the importance of strong customer relations before many in the business. He was also quick to respond to changing markets and was instrumental in developing the export business of Lotus Shoes, particularly in Russia, at a time when the British footwear industry was itself being threatened by cheap imports.

Kucek was brought up and educated in Czechoslovakia, serving his shoe-making apprenticeship at the local Bata factory there. During the second world war he fought as a volunteer in the artillery of the Czech Free Forces attached to the British Army, and was awarded the Czech Valiant Cross.

Afterwards he transferred to Bata's American and London offices before joining Brevitt Shoes as general manager of their two factories in Leicester. In 1958 he joined Lotus Shoes, initially based at their factories in Stafford and Northern Ireland.

Kucek was appointed to the main board of Lotus Shoes as sales director in 1966. He became group managing director in 1970 and was appointed OBE the following year for services to the footwear industry. After seven years as deputy chairman from 1975, Kucek retired to his home in the Cotswolds.

He is survived by his wife Mary, one son and three daughters.

DANGEROUS DRUGS

USE NOT PREVALENT IN BRITAIN

A Government report to the League of Nations on the traffic in opium and other dangerous drugs during 1936 states that addiction to narcotic drugs is not prevalent in the United Kingdom. "The approximate number of addicts in the country known to the Central Office at the end of last year was 616, of whom 313 were men and 303 women. Of this total, approximately 137 were members of the medical profession, three were dentists, five were pharmacists, and two veterinary surgeons. The drugs involved were: morphine and preparations, 543; heroin 61; cocaine, 52; and combined drugs, 50. The report covers Great Britain, Northern Ireland, the Isle of Man, and the Channel Islands.

During the year, the report states, nine members of the medical profession, one dentist, one pharmacist, and one veterinary surgeon were convicted of offences against the Dangerous Drugs Act. In nine of the cases in which convictions were recorded the authorisation of the convicted person was withdrawn.

In a comment on the control of international trade, it is submitted that, in general, the system of import certificates and export authorisations for the control of imports and exports of opium and other dangerous drugs has worked satisfactorily, though in a few cases difficulty still arises owing to the use of languages other than the official languages of the League of Nations.

No evidence was forthcoming of any organised illicit traffic in the United Kingdom during 1936. Such cases of illicit import of drugs as were discovered were individual attempts usually on the part of seamen, mainly Orientals, to bring in small quantities for their own use or that of compatriots resident in the United Kingdom. The number of cases of illicit import or unauthorised possession in which opium—both raw and prepared—was the drug concerned, has decreased from 11 in 1935, to 10 in 1936, and the amount seized by the Customs authorities was 9kgs. in 1936, as compared with 12kgs. in 1935. With regard to Indian hemp, the number of cases of illicit import or unauthorised possession was eight in 1936, compared with 14 in the preceding year. The amount of the drug seized was 1kg. Most of the prosecutions undertaken during the year were in respect of breaches of the Dangerous Drugs Act and Regulations and not in respect of trafficking.

The only important case of illicit traffic which came to notice during the year was the seizure of 132 two-ounce tins of prepared opium (Lion and Globe brand) on board the M.V. Deucalion on her arrival at London from Hong-kong *via* Singapore. A Chinese fireman admitted ownership and said that he received the opium from a friend at Hong-kong to convey to a person at Singapore but was unable to take the opium ashore owing to the vigilance of Customs officers there.

The number of persons proceeded against during 1936 under the Dangerous Drugs Acts was 60. Two cases were discharged or withdrawn.

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"Addiction to narcotic drugs is not prevalent in the United Kingdom" stated this 1936 report. Nor was any evidence forthcoming then of any organised illicit traffic.

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Looking for a new car? **Kevin Eason** reports on vehicles that might have travelled around the world, but are a real bargain

A better class of banger

The bang and plume of smoke from beneath the bonnet signalled the end of a long and expensive relationship.

Simon de Bruxelles and his wife had doted on their Mercedes coupé; a long, languorous limousine that wafted them along the motorway — until it decided to commit mechanical suicide.

It was not just the prospect of the expensive repairs that angered the couple, but the fact that they had recently spent £650 on a "routine" service.

The Mercedes was despatched to the second-hand car lot and Mr and Mrs de Bruxelles decided to become one of the nation's army of owners of battered, used cars — tatty bangers with more miles on the clock than the space shuttles.

For them, it was a Renault 5 which cost £180 — and gave 18 months of trouble-free motoring even though they started out with a car with 69,000 miles on the clock.

There are thousands of motorists for whom the annual pilgrimage to smart showrooms in middle-class suburbs would be a mystery. They do not not fret over the policies of manufacturers towards European pricing on new cars, exchange rates or warranty schemes. By the time they write the cheque, the car has already been to hell and back and qualifies for the motor industry equivalent of a pension.

Buyers of bangers may look like mugs just waiting to spend their lives in roadside laybys waiting for the AA men. But, if they are happy to forgo the latest gadgets and mechanical fads, they can make financial gains that would turn other motorists green with envy.

Used cars with even 100,000 miles and more on the clock can be much cheaper to run than their younger and less travelled cousins. It used to be that cars with a mileage into six figures had all the second-hand charisma of a moth-eaten parachute. Now, they are much in demand, according to Fleet Management Services, a company which helps fleets buy and dispose of their company cars.

Michael Karwowski, the company's spokesman, says that there is a breed of car — the modern, company-owned fleet car — which is better made and better maintained than before. When those cars reach what most people would consider to be the end of their working life, there is still plenty of "go" left in them.

Modern cars last longer because they are more resistant to rust and have more durable parts than cars made even ten years ago.

"Cars usually reach 80,000 miles at their third birthday," Mr Karwowski says. "Fleet operators getting rid of those cars not only have to give them an MOT, but usually new brakes, tyres, exhaust and a major service as well. This means that for the next 20,000 miles, they are virtually problem-free."

If the buyers' timing is right and their eyes are true, then they can pick up a tremendous bargain offering a couple of years of motoring for less than the price of a package holiday.

Mr de Bruxelles simply headed for the classified advertisements and found his Renault, with service history and no rust. "The only problem was a terrific rattle from the exhaust," he says. "There were 69,000 miles on the clock, a handful of previous owners and only three weeks' MOT. But a drive around the block showed there was nothing wrong with the engine, just that deafening rattle where an exhaust bracket had broken loose."

The radio had long ago been stolen, so Mr de Bruxelles offered the owner £150. They haggled and she threw in the baby seat — perfect for a young couple with new baby.

"I drove home, noisy but happy," he says. "In 18 months, the Renault not only never broke down, it never failed to start, first turn of the key.

"We drove from London to Shropshire dozens of times, went on a motoring holiday in northern France, and took the baby to visit friends and relatives around the country. The car rolled a bit on corners, the heater wasn't great and I never did replace the radio. But the total cost of 18 months' motoring was less than the cost of the final service for the Mercedes."

Recently, time and traffic finally caught up with the Renault. The bonnet catch came off in Mr de Bruxelles's hand and then the handbrake broke. Finally, a large white van took a short cut through the rear wing, leaving a hole big enough for Mr de Bruxelles to put his head through.

It was easier to dispose of the Renault than to repair it. A dealer near his London home handed over £45 to take the car away.

"I thought I had done well," he says. "I told myself the car was only going to the scrap heap. A week later, there it was on his forecourt. Written in white paint on the windscreen it said: 'Lady owner, no rust, MOT, one year guarantee. £345.'

"Two days later, it was sold. I don't begrudge him the profit. We both got excellent mileage out of that car."

The experience was enough to convince the De Bruxelles' that a dalliance with another spanking new tonne of metal was probably not a good idea.

The new car at the family home is just as cheap and cheerful as the old Renault, although almost a move into the executive stratosphere of used car motoring. Now their car is an Austin Vanden Plas 1300 bought for a princely £425, practically a fortune in the world of Banger Motoring.



Simon de Bruxelles with his son Laurence and his 1975 Vanden Plas 1300. With leather seats and walnut dashboard, it was a snip at £425

> Used cars with 100,000 miles on the clock can be much cheaper to run than their younger and less travelled cousins

THE GOOD BUYS

THIS IS the best time to go for a banger. Auction houses say that prices have fallen by about £400 to £500. A huge number of models have come on to the used market since the August boom when showrooms were flooded with trade-ins for L-reg models.

Figures from the Independent Car Auctions in Bristol show that a 1990 G-reg Cavalier 1.6L with 90,000 miles on the clock is selling for £3,200 compared with the £3,600 it would have fetched in August. *Vaughan Freeman writes.*

A Rover 214GSi with 48,000 miles on the clock is selling for £4,250 compared with £4,800 in August. A 1990 H-reg Ford Sapphire 1.6LX with 88,000 miles is selling for £3,500 as against £3,900 in August. And a Peugeot 405 1.9 from 1990 with 87,000 miles up is selling for about £3,250 — £3,750 in August.

IN SPITE of the fall-back in prices, there are still plenty of buyers unwilling to part with big money for cars when they can find a bargain — particularly at running costs lower than those for new models.

Vauxhall Cavaliers, which have covered between 80,000 and 100,000 miles, cost on average just 1.07p per mile to run compared to 1.52p per mile for each of the first 80,000 miles.

With Rover, the average maintenance costs per mile over 80,000 miles for an Austin Montego stand at 1.48p compared to 2.3p per mile. Ford's workhorse Sierra cost 2.27p per mile up to 80,000 miles, but 2.2p per mile once the odometer has scrolled around the benchmark number.

Buyers of heavily used cars have little to fear. Cars are now more reliable even after high mileage use and often come with comforting warranties. Network Q, Vauxhall's second-hand service, sells used cars on a new car footing, offering customers a quibble-free money-back guarantee, 114-point check and 1,500-mile service.

The Zike may have been an object of laughter, but 40 a week are being sold

Small, quiet, but a mover

Critics rubbed their hands in glee when yet another bold new invention from Sir Clive Sinclair seemed to have turned into a high-technology turkey. *Kevin Eason writes.*

But footsore council rent collectors could yet be grateful for Clive for the Zike, the battery-powered bicycle that seemed destined to follow the C5 electric car into the industrial dustbin.

A local authority wants 500 Zikes as an environmentally-friendly form of transport for its workforce. Staff will zip around their local community at up to 14 mph on the mean streets, which weigh half as much as a mountain bike but have enough battery power for two hours.

Clive Sum and Ray Harper, a father and son partnership which manufacture the Zike, say the local authority prepared to place an order for about £250,000 on a trial basis. The order for Zikes did not proceed to be identified — presumably because it has not yet taken on workers yet.

Nevertheless the Harpers have faith in the little vehicle, which can be run cheap and friendly to the environment. Even the Queen's family has had one on test, Clive Harper says. "The Queen thought such a good idea.



A C5 record attempt — and Sir Clive Sinclair launching the environmentally-friendly Zike

Unfortunately, it did not take off after Sir Clive launched it, but there must be a place for something which is so economical and which does not belch out fumes when people travel around town."

Although not on the grand scale as envisaged by Sir Clive, orders are coming in quickly enough for the Harpers to employ ten people at a small factory in Erith, Kent, making 40 Zikes a week. Orders have come in from places as diverse and far-flung as Singapore, China, the Seychelles, Greece and America, where Michigan wants Zikes as transport for some forestry workers.

However, landing an order with a British local authority could prove to be a coup. If its scheme is a success, it could do more to rehabilitate the Zike in the eyes of a sceptical public than almost anything else.

"So many authorities are now turning to pedestrianised precincts and ways of cutting down pollution," Ray Harper says. "The Zike is the perfect answer — it is quiet, it does not give out fumes and it is very small."

At £499 each, Zikes cost only as much as an expensive pedal-cycle but cost about a penny a mile to run. The tiny nickel cadmium batteries weigh just 2lb and fit inside the rust-free alloy bar which supports the rider's seat.

The battery is powerful enough to propel the Zike up a 1:10 hill — but if it runs out of steam, the rider can use pedal power.

Those who scoffed at the Zike had a field day with Sir Clive's previous entry into the world of high-tech transport. The Zike seemed another batty idea after the C5 turned £8 million worth of investment into a public joke.

High expectations turned to derision when the C5 was launched in 1985, a tiny plastic single-seater that had to be pedalled to get up hills. Buzzing along next to a lorry on the road, it looked like a flea irritating a large cat.

However, the Harpers sold more than 600 C5s all over the world and estimate that collectors will now pay up to £4,000 for one — ten times the original price.

Like the C5, the Harpers may be proving that the Zike has a place on the roads. It was just Sir Clive's timing that was wrong.

ugo parts are close at hand

car owners left stranded for spare the war in the former Yugoslavia break UN sanctions to get them. assett, former head of the UK , says his new company, Trans Trading, of Reading, Berkshire, million worth of stock and can get m Italy.

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is exporting engines from Japan to power cars for sale on nese and American markets. nth, the plant at Deeside, North supplying 3,000 sets of cylinder d crankshafts as main compo- engines which will go into a models made at the Shimoyama apan.

ROADWISE

New check-up for cars

A NEW vehicle inspection service has been launched to rival the AA and RAC. Called Auto Report, the business offers independent inspection covering 140 mechanical, electrical and structural parts, a document check on the service history and ownership of the vehicle and a three-month or 3,000-mile parts-only warranty up to £300. Further details from Auto Report on 0920 484708.

Alfa hold costs down

ALFA ROMEO, the Italian marque struggling to make its mark in the UK, has announced price increases averaging 0.8 per cent, substantially less than inflation. The range now starts with the 33 1.7IE at £11,260 and is topped by the £28,400 164 Cloverleaf.

The Jaguar sound

JAGUAR has turned to one of Britain's most renowned hi-fi companies to build speakers for the XJS sports model. Goodmans Loudspeakers provides four or six 6in speakers for the coupé and convertibles.

Defender on sale in US

THE TRUSTY Land Rover Defender 90 goes on sale for the first time in America on October 1 as an open-top rival for the popular Jeep — not with extras, but take-aways. Carpets are optional, while stereo speakers have been waterproofed.

Citroën's fuel for thought

THE CHEAPEST car in Britain to run is the Citroën AX Debut, according to *Auto Express* magazine. It calculated that the car cost only 23p a mile to run, putting it in front of rivals such as the Renault Clio, Rover Metro and Ford Fiesta.

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■ Sport scored a remarkable victory over politics when the millenium Olympic Games were awarded to Sydney against every expectation. Peking, the short-odds favourites, were beaten into second place with Manchester third.

As the president of the International Olympic Committee spoke the single word "Sydney", Australian officials at Monte Carlo leapt in the air and hugged each other while Chinese delegates smiled politely ..... **Pages 1, 2, 18, 19**

Yeltsin thwarts rivals

■ President Yeltsin moved to consolidate his upper hand in the struggle for power in Russia by calling a presidential election for next June, two years befor his term of office formally expires, and by seizing the assets of the disbanded parliament ..... **Pages 1, 15, 25**

Major's move

John Major moved to appease the Tory right by making plain that he would not allow the European Community next month to patch up the discredited European exchange rate mechanism ... **Page 1**

Short checked

Nigel Short played his best and most aggressive game so far in *The Times* World Chess Championship, but was eventually forced to accept a draw after a spirited final defence by Garry Kasparov ..... **Pages 1, 8**

Church exodus

The Pope's condemnation of contraception as "evil" will lead to "the defections of myriads of the 800 million faithful", leading members of the Roman Catholic Church warned ..... **Page 2**

Bleak outlook

The public has become more pessimistic about the outlook for the economy over the next year despite figures pointing to the beginnings of recovery ..... **Page 2**

Cancer hope

Scientists have isolated two genes, thought to play a role in breast cancer, that might help match treatments more effectively to patients ..... **Page 7**

Youth and TV

The image of children sitting glued to the television is demolished in the biggest survey of youth consumer behaviour and attitudes in Britain. Those surveyed read three to four non-school books ..... **Page 5**

Rider dies

Zoe Nesbitt, 15, a talented teenage rider, died in a fall from her pony despite wearing a protective riding hat ..... **Page 5**

Police see red

Police superintendents condemned plans by Michael Howard to introduce tough new discipline measures and was encouraged to insist on their right to strike **Page9**

Black power

South Africa took an important step towards democracy when parliament passed legislation giving blacks their first taste of political power in April's first all-race elections ..... **Page 13**

France hopeful

France signalled that it was keen to defuse the row over farm trade with the US ..... **Page 14**

Knesset win

Yitzhak Rabin silenced his hardline critics by winning comfortably the vote in parliament for his historic peace accord with the PLO ..... **Page 14**

Harsh sanctions

Students in Serbia have started to kill themselves because they cannot bear the harsh effects of Western sanctions ..... **Page 15**

Airliner down

A third Georgian airliner in three days was destroyed as government forces and Abkhazian rebels battled for control of Sukhumi ..... **Page 15**

Thinking through the pain barrier

■ The way we cope with pain may have more to do with our emotional response than with the pain itself, say researchers who have taken the first pictures of the brain in pain. A new imaging technique has shown that the response to pain may be more complex than has been thought. The findings also suggest that pain can be healed through meditation .... **Page 7**

CHRIS HARRIS



Druids celebrating the autumn equinox on Primrose Hill in London yesterday afternoon. The gathering in the open marks their natural temple which has no walls. The autumn equinox marks a time when there is equal light and dark, forming a gateway into winter

BUSINESS

DTI report: Several directors of the collapsed London United Investments wrongly diverted insurance commissions worth £40 million into Liechtenstein and Swiss-based bank accounts, probably for their own financial gain ..... **Page 25**

Russia: The International Monetary Fund will continue to make loans to Russia, but in view of the current political crisis, any further money may not now be forthcoming until next year ..... **Page 26**

Markets: The FT-SE 100 Index fell 6.2 points to close at 3001.3. Sterling's trade-weighted index fell from 80.7 to 80.4 reflecting a fall to $1.5050 but a slight rise from DM2.4748 to DM2.4757 ... **Page 28**

SPORT

Football: Steve Bull, the former England forward, has been given a three-match ban by the Football Association for bringing the game into disrepute ..... **Page 42**

Yachting: In the build-up to the Whitbread Round the World Race, which starts tomorrow, Lawrie Smith, skipper of *Fortuna*, reports on the last-minute problems and hopes ..... **Page 42**

Motor racing: Damon Hill, the British driver who has an outside chance of taking the Formula One title, warned Frank Williams that he may disobey team orders in the Portuguese grand prix on Sunday if he can beat his Williams-Renault team-mate, Alain Prost ..... **Page 46**

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Radical fugitive: After 23 years on the run, Katherine Power has taken herself off the FBI's most-wanted list by surrendering to her conscience and the police, writes Ben Macintyre ..... **Page 16**

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Mystery unravelled: Cleaning the Wilton Diptych — the great 14th-century panel painting in the National Gallery — has revealed some fascinating details and a remarkable new image of England as a sceptred isle ..... **Page 39**

Aids sequel: *The Destiny of Me*, the sequel to Larry Kramer's much acclaimed play about Aids victims, *The Normal Heart*, has received its British premiere at the Leicester Haymarket Theatre ..... **Page 39**

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Paddy Ashdown sent his Liberal Democrat troops home from Torquay with a warning not to betray their principles in the battle for votes Page 10



Hazel Clark, 30, voted mother of the year in 1992, committed suicide after failing in a relationship for the second time, an inquest jury decided Page 5



Davis Love III, 29, the only rookie to be named for the opening match in the Ryder Cup is perhaps the nicest guy in the American team Page 45

THE TIMES TOMORROW

How the parties fare?

■ *The Times* MORI poll shows which party has the best policy on key issues of the day as public support for John Major shows no sign of recovering

Flexible feasts

■ Guest cook Hattie Ellis says that as a child, "greed and curiosity" led her to cooking. Now her ambition is to eat her way around the world

Elgar's Elgar

■ The recordings made by Sir Edward Elgar at Abbey Road studios in the last years of his life are a priceless guide to interpreting his music. Now they have been collected together and digitally remastered

TV LISTINGS

Four women reflect on the pleasures and hazards of revealing their gardening skills in a new series, *An Englishwoman's Garden* (BBC2, 8.30pm) ..... **Page 47**

OPINION

A sporting decision

Australia's evolving sense of national identity and economic leadership in the southern hemisphere — closely linked to its republican aspirations — will be given a fillip by the award of the most prestigious sporting event in the world. All nations should look forward to a majestic Games ..... **Page 19**

Arranged marriages

To expect Kenneth Clarke to tie himself in advance to Michael Portillo would make the pair as ungainly as a team in a three-legged race. If the Tories want Mr Clarke, they will have to accept him for what he is ..... **Page 19**

Working to live

The fact that virtually all unpaid activity is regarded as "leisure" — and, by connotation, unserious — shows how much the idea of employment dominates life ..... **Page 19**

COLUMNS

BERNARD LEVIN

A trivial fare-dodge is one thing; what about seeing a traveller having his pocket picked? Do you go up to the thief and confront him, or do you tap the robbed man on the shoulder, whisper the news, and point out the thief? ..... **Page 18**

PHILIP HOWARD

I have just proved again that words are untranslatable by turning Lord North's schoolboy Latin verses into English for a new biography. History has written him down as a disastrous prime minister, but unlike most politicians, even in those polished days, he was an accomplished linguist ..... **Page 18**

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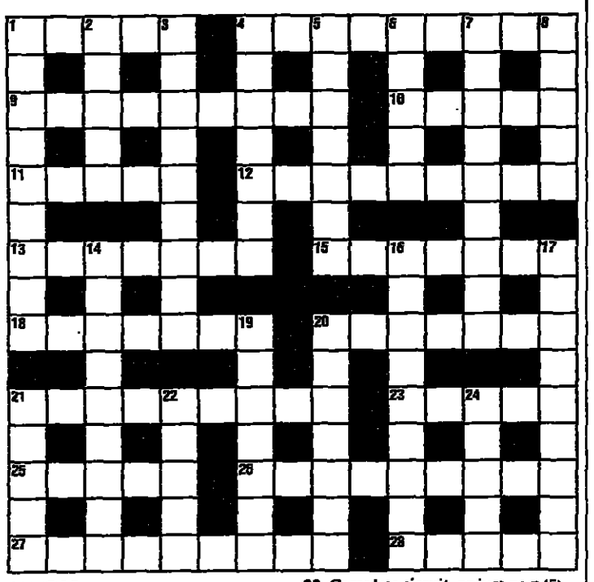
Retailers' and customers' attitudes to Sunday shopping ..... **Page 19**

LEADERS

Russia needs stable civil and political organisations. The old legislature was chaos in legislative form. The building of the new order wil be a continuing project. It deserves the West's active support
— *The Wall Street Journal*

There is an evident danger in appearing to support Yeltsin's unconstitutional power grab in a country on the verge of chaos and with a fearful hitory of one-man rule
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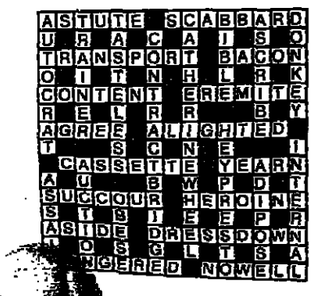
1 Give birth, with assistance (5).
4 Run out of plump fish? Get producing (9).
9 Shoe cast by champion (5-4).
10 Put in the ground after start of cold weather (5).
11 A foundation must be lower (5).
12 Shoot-out in book is not unsavoury (9).
13 Give respectability to Scottish entertainer not at first accepted (7).
15 Flap on dress providing modest concealment (3-4).
18 OUP collection (5-2).
20 Maybe an inspector that calls? (7).
21 Explain vote? (3,6).
23 Complete circuit, or just part (5).
25 Vessel protected by annual coating (5).
26 Major position, for example, Irish composer finds disagreeable (5,4).
27 Boundaries of the Wash? (4-5).
28 Dares infantry to obscure sappers' objective (5).

DOWN

1 Merry-maker is a wife-beater (9).
2 Girl for whom I care madly (5).
3 Unreasonable, like *Animal Farm*? (3-6).
4 Butter up, but not so much up (7).
5 Get up and steal away (4,3).
6 Aim to improve husband for woman (5).
7 In the absence of a man, boy was brought up shy (9).
8 Eat too much Cheddar? (5).
14 Tidy, but no class is silent (9).
16 Unnecessary former utility room (9).
17 Department of State about to recognise portent (9).
19 Supply evidence nothing's missing — a turn-up for the judge (7).
20 Starts of sessions postponed: takes a turn outside for an hour (7).
21 A birdie — beat that (5).
22 One that's discreet about one's supposed right (5).
24 Memorial tablet for the high-ranking? (5).

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Solution to Puzzle No 19,343



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ABROAD

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Dublin	15	59	c	S F'isco*	16	61	s
Dubrovnik	25	77	f	Santiago*	12	54	f
Faro	23	73	f	Seoul	23	73	s
Florence	26	79	f	Sing'por	30	86	f
Frankfurt	18	64	f	Stckholm	10	50	c
Funchal	23	73	f	Strasb'rg	18	64	f
Geneva	18	61	r	Sydney	16	61	s
Gibraltar	21	70	s	Tangier	21	70	c
Helsinki	14	57	s	Tel Aviv	28	82	s
Hong K	24	75	r	Tenerife	23	73	c
Innsbruck	23	73	f	Tokyo	18	64	r
Istanbul	21	70	s	Toronto*	17	63	s
Jeddah	36	97	s	Tunis	30	86	s
Jo'burg*	28	82	s	Valencia	20	68	c
Karachi	37	99	s	Vanc'ver*	13	55	s
L Palmas	24	75	f	Venice	23	73	c
Le Touet	17	63	f	Vienna	25	77	s
Lisbon	19	66	f	Warsaw	22	72	s
Locarno	17	63	f	Wash'ton*	22	72	c
L Angels*	19	66	c	Wel'ngton	10	50	f
Luxembg	14	57	c	Zurich	17	63	f

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 17C (63F); min 6pm to 6am, 10C (50F) Humidity 6pm, 57 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, 0.19in. Sun 24hr to 6pm, 4.6hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm 1 017.5 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Chivenor, Devon, 19C (66F); lowest day max: Ross on Wye and Fair Isle, 11C (52F); highest rainfall: London, 0.19in, highest sunshine: Torquay, Devon, 11.2hr

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 15C (59F); min 6pm to 6am, 6C (43F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, trace. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 5.8hr.

GLASGOW

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 16C (61F). min 6pm to 6am, 5C (41F). Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil Sun. 24hr to 6pm, 5.8hr.

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	5.0	-	16	61	sunny
Anglesey	9.7	-	17	63	sunny
Aviemore	7.1	-	17	63	fog
Belfast	2.9	-	16	61	cloudy
Birmingham	0.8	-	14	57	fog
Bognor Regis	9.8	-	15	61	sunny
Bournemouth	7.5	-	18	64	sunny
Bristol	3.5	-	15	59	sunny
Buxton	1.7	-	15	59	cloudy
Cardiff	10.2	-	16	61	sunny
Clacton	6.0	0.13	17	63	sunny
Colwyn Bay	5.5	-	16	61	bright
Cromer	x	-	15	59	bright
Eastbourne	5.8	-	18	64	sunny
Edinburgh	7.0	-	17	63	bright
Eskdalemuir	5.6	-	14	57	bright
Exmouth	8.3	-	17	63	sunny
Falmouth	9.5	-	19	66	sunny
Folkestone	9.9	-	17	63	sunny
Hastings	7.5	-	17	63	sunny
Hunstanton	4.8	-	16	61	bright
Isle of Man	4.0	-	15	59	bright
Jersey	9.5	-	19	66	thundr
Kinloss	9.0	-	17	63	sunny
Leeds	1.8	-	16	61	cloudy
Lerwick	4.8	-	11	52	bright
Liverpool	6.2	-	15	59	bright
Lowestoft	7.8	-	15	59	sunny
Margate	7.0	-	17	63	sunny
Minehead	x	-	15	59	bright
Morecambe	4.5	-	15	59	bright
Newcastle	5.8	-	18	61	sunny
Newquay	9.9	-	16	61	sunny
Nottingham	0.2	-	15	59	cloudy
Penzance	8.6	-	19	66	sunny
Plymouth	10.1	-	17	63	sunny
Silloomhe	9.2	-	18	64	sunny
Sandown	8.5	-	15	61	sunny
Saunton Strd	10.0	-	19	66	sunny
Scarborough	4.5	-	14	57	bright
Scilly Isles	8.8	-	18	64	sunny
Shanklin	8.9	-	17	63	sunny
Southend	7.7	0.12	18	64	bright
Southsea	9.3	-	17	63	sunny
Stornoway	2.7	-	14	57	bright
Swanage	9.8	-	17	63	sunny
Teignmouth	10.2	-	18	64	sunny
Tenby	10.3	-	16	61	sunny
Tiree	5.8	-	15	59	bright
Torquay	11.2	-	18	64	sunny
Weymouth	9.5	-	18	64	shower
Wick	6.2	-	13	55	bright

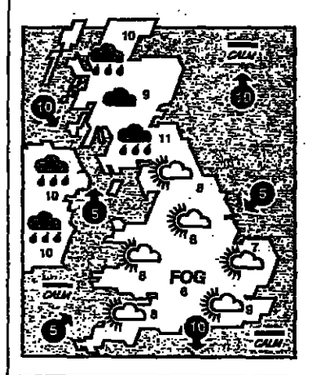
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TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.415	2.215
Austria Sch	18.45	16.95
Belgium Fr	56.97	51.57
Canada $	2.122	1.962
Cyprus CypE	0.780	0.730
Denmark Kr	10.67	9.67
Finland Mkk	9.49	8.69
France Fr	9.10	8.40
Germany Dm	2.625	2.415
Greece Dr	369.50	344.50
Hong Kong $	12.39	11.39
Ireland Pt	1.107	1.027
Italy Lire	2493.00	2338.00
Japan Yen	178.50	158.00
Malta	0.607	0.552
Netherlands Gld	2.940	2.710
Norway Kr	11.37	10.57
Portugal Esc	283.50	245.00
South Africa Rd	5.90	5.00
Spain Pta	206.00	191.00
Sweden Kr	12.84	12.04
Switzerland Fr	2.292	2.112
Turkey Lira	16900.00	17600.00
USA $	1.615	1.485

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques. Rates as at close of trading yesterday.

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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

London 7.25 pm to 6.20 am
Bristol 7.34 pm to 6.30 am
Edinburgh 7.37 pm to 6.32 am
Manchester 7.33 pm to 6.28 am
Penzance 7.46 pm to 6.41 am

Sun rises: 6.50 am
Sun sets: 6.55 pm
Moon sets 12.05 am
Moon rises 4.00 pm

Full moon September 30

Road Vehicles Lighting Regulations 1989: The hours of darkness are defined in these Regulations as the period between half an hour after sunset and half an hour before sunrise.

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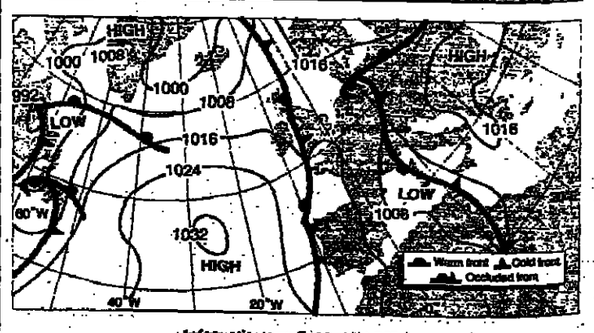
Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F			C	F	
Belfast	13	55	c	Guernsey	16	61	s
B'mgham	12	54	c	Inverness	13	55	s
Blackpool	14	57	f	Jersey	18	64	f
Bristol	14	57	c	London	15	59	c
Cardiff	14	57	s	M'chester	11	52	c
Edinburgh	15	59	s	Newcastle	15	59	s
Glasgow	14	57	c	R'nidsway	15	59	c

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TOMORROW	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.31	6.0	9.16	6.0	Liverpool	6.23	7.3	7.00	7.5
Aberdeen	9.08	3.4	9.25	3.4	Lowestoft	4.15	2.2	5.39	2.2
Avonmouth	1.39	10.0	2.19	9.9	Margate	5.42	4.1	7.36	4.1
Belfast	6.36	2.9	7.00	3.0	Milford Haven	12.58	5.2	1.45	5.3
Cardiff	1.24	9.4	2.04	9.3	Newquay	—	—	12.45	5.4
Devonport	12.46	4.3	1.16	4.4	Oban	12.51	2.7	2.18	3.0
Dover	8.01	5.4	8.54	5.3	Penzance	12.04	4.3	12.35	4.4
Falmouth	12.15	4.1	12.46	4.2	Portland	12.51	1.4	12.28	1.4
Glasgow	7.19	4.2	7.56	4.3	Portsmouth	6.40	4.0	7.10	3.8
Harwich	6.30	3.4	7.22	3.4	Shoreham	6.08	4.9	6.45	4.8
Holyhead	6.58	4.4	6.27	4.6	Southampton	6.32	3.8	6.58	3.7
Hull	12.53	6.1	2.03	5.7	Swansea	1.01	7.4	1.38	7.4
Ilfracombe	12.37	6.9	1.27	7.0	Tees	11.26	4.3	11.45	4.4
King's Lynn	1.04	5.1	2.12	5.0	Wilton-on-Nze	6.32	3.5	7.22	3.6
Leith	10.10	4.6	10.31	4.5					

NOON TODAY



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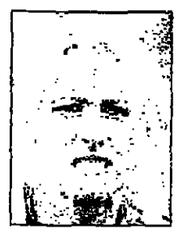
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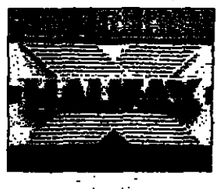


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THE POUND

US $ ..... 1.5050 (-0.0145)
German mark.. 2.4757 (+0.0009)
Exchange index ..... 80.4 (-0.3)
Bank of England official close (4pm)

STOCK MARKET

FT-SE 100 ..... 3001.3 (-6.2)
Dow Jones ..... 3537.24 (-9.78)*
Nikkei Avge ..... Closed

INTEREST RATES

London Bank Base 6%
3-month Interbank..... 5⅞-5¹³⁄₁₆%
US Federal Funds..... 3%*
3-month Trees Bills . 2.91-2.89%*
Long Bond 6.03%*

CURRENCIES

New York:		London:	
£ $	1.5060*	£:$	1.5050
$ DM	1.6440*	£:DM	2.4742
$ SWfr	1.4342*	£:SWfr	2.1537
$ Ffr	5.7253*	£:Ffr	8.6010
$ Yen	106.00*	£:Yen	159.76
£ SDR	1.0729	£:ECU	1.2910

London Forex market close

GOLD

London Fixing ($):
AM 353.75 ..... PM 357.00
Close 357.10-357.60
New York:
Comex 354.75-355.25*

RETAIL PRICES

RPI. ..... 141.3 August (1.7%)

* Denotes midday trading price

LUI directors 'wrongly diverted £40m'

By Sarah Bagnall
Insurance Correspondent

■ The report from DTI inspectors, who traced commissions to Liechtenstein and Swiss bank accounts, has been passed to the SFO.

SEVERAL directors of London United Investments, the collapsed property and investment group, wrongly diverted insurance commissions worth £40 million into Liechtenstein and Swiss-based bank accounts, probably for their own financial gain, a Department of Trade and Industry report says.

The funds were diverted over a number of years by LUI directors, Charles Driver, Henry Weavers and Peter Wilson, accompanied in limited instances by Stanley Mayhew, a director and principal underwriter of CR Driver, an insurance company. DTI inspectors managed to trace the commissions to Lichtenstein and Swiss bank accounts set up by Graham Smith, a chartered accountant. According to Mr Mayhew, the arrangement was designed to evade tax.

The DTI's findings, contained in a 316-page document by Angus Gilroy and William Gage QC, are now in the hands of the Serious Fraud Office, which is conducting its own investigation, the Chartered Institute of England and Wales, Lloyd's of London and LUI's liquidators. However, these bodies when considering taking any further action will have to consider the individuals' circumstances. Mr Weavers died in April, Mr Driver is ill and living abroad, Mr Mayhew is 65 and lives in Canada and Mr Smith lives in Liechtenstein. Only Mr Wilson lives in the UK.

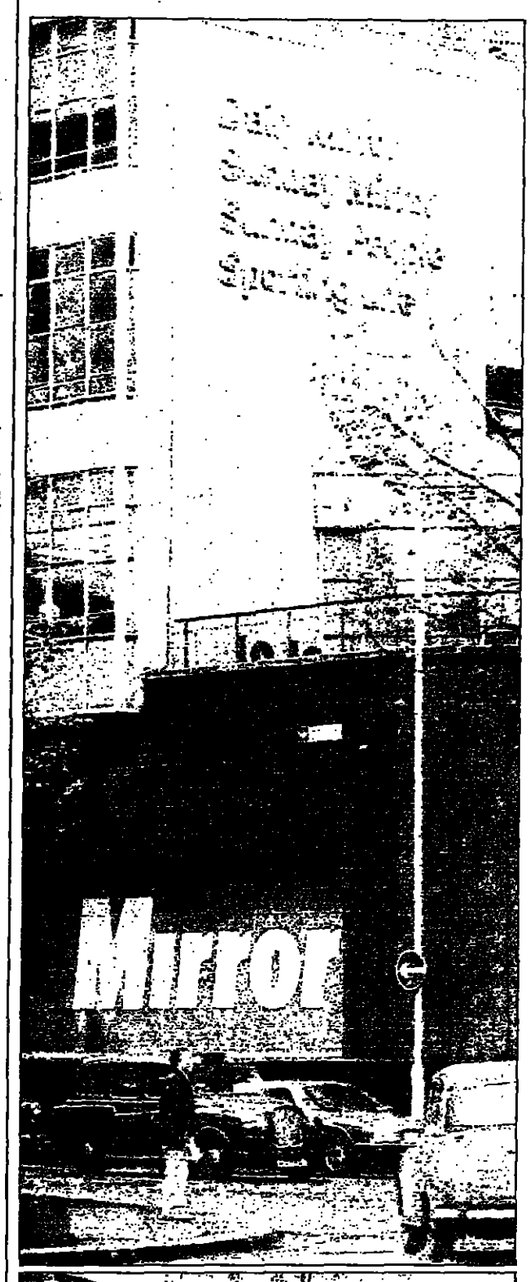
The DTI is considering disqualifying certain LUI directors and said it will shortly take appropriate action against any individuals active in the insurance sector and would ban others from taking up senior insurance positions.

Mr Smith was banned from practising as a chartered accountant by the English Institute when LUI collapsed in 1990. The DTI inspectors found that the bank accounts into which the funds were transferred were for companies Mr Smith owned, controlled or was concerned with. The inspectors concluded the Smith companies were not genuine insurance or reinsurance brokers. Mr Smith, who gave the impression of carrying out some of the functions of a broker, "in reality was not acting as a genuine insurance or reinsurance broker". In the absence of co-operation from Mr Smith or Isolde Smith, his wife, the inspectors concluded that "both of them were knowingly parties to the wrongful diversion of funds from CR Driver, the LUI group and the Weavers stamp companies. The overwhelming probability is that they derived some financial benefit from those funds."

Evidence also suggests that Mr Driver, Mr Weavers and Mr Wilson intended to, and probably did, benefit from the diversion of funds. In the case of Mr Driver, who for most of the period 1970 to 1990 was a senior director of CR Driver, one of the companies from which funds were diverted, the report states he bears a heavy responsibility for what occurred. "We are quite satisfied that he knew what was happening and gave his approval. We are equally satisfied that, if he had chosen to do so, he could have stopped these activities at any time," the inspectors concluded.

Part of the responsibility also falls on Mr Weavers, who, the report concludes, approved of what was being done with the Smith companies up until his retirement in 1985. Mr Wilson was found to be "a willing accomplice of Mr Driver and Mr Weavers from 1976 onwards and responsible for the wrongful diversion of funds from the LUI group and the Weavers stamp companies." Since 1978, Mr Wilson was believed to have been the pivot or link between Mr Smith and the Smith companies and the others. Mr Mayhew was found to be partly responsible for starting the process of using the Smith companies but his involvement was mostly confined to the CR Driver account.

MGN stake to go on offer





Mirror men: David Montgomery, left, MGN chief executive, and Charles Wilson, managing director

By Melvyn Marckus, City Editor

MIRROR Group Newspapers' extraordinary general meeting yesterday — which called for shareholders to approve the settlement of "substantially all" the claims against the company by the late Robert Maxwell's web of private companies — has duly paved the way for the long awaited placing of a 54.8 per cent block of the group's equity.

John Talbot, of Arthur Andersen, the accountant, and joint administrator of the Maxwell private empire, confirmed yesterday afternoon that a "book-building" exercise will start on Monday for an international offering (excluding the US) to financial institutions.

Mr Talbot declared: "I am encouraged by the UK and overseas response to MGN's interim results and to last week's announcement that I was planning an offering of up to all of the MGN shareholding that I control." He added: "I am confident that an international offering is the most efficient method of selling the MGN shares for the benefit of creditors."

On the London Stock Exchange, MGN's share price added 1p to close at 178p — capitalising the company at £713 million.

N M Rothschild, the merchant bank, and Cazenove, the stockbroker, are joint lead managers, with S G Warburg, NatWest Securities and James Capel acting as co-lead managers.

News came yesterday of the injection of even more financial muscle with the appointment of Nomura International, Hoare Govett Securities, Paribas Capital Markets and Swiss Bank Corporation as co-managers.

More than one fund manager privately expressed surprise yesterday at the array of names that have been called upon to facilitate the £360 million plus sale.

Cynics take the view that, in the wake of MGN's mid-year results last week, which showed a pre-tax profit upsurge from £15.3 million to £69.9 million, the likes of Rothschild, S G Warburg and Cazenove would have experienced relatively little difficulty in finessing a placing of this scale when the share price rose to a peak 186p.

The NatWest and the Midland (along with Lloyds and Goldman Sachs) have loans of £300 million secured on the administrator's 54.8 per cent stake, and the appearance of NatWest Securities and James Capel, Midland's associate, as co-lead managers (despite their undoubted expertise) has led to speculation, albeit unconfirmed, that certain banks may have pressed for indirect participation in the sale.

From next Monday, financial institutions will be invited by the managers to submit bids at specific prices, or the price, which will eventually be determined as the offer price. The book-building exercise will end "on or before" next Friday when the offer price will be decided as will the allocations to investors.

Due to historic caution in respect of the "Max factor", City institutions are not major holders of MGN shares, originally floated in May 1991 at 125p. Snap market reaction yesterday was that the lead managers will be disappointed if they do not achieve an offer price of close to 170p — a figure that would raise £373 million.

A 36-page "selling memorandum", detailing the offering of 219,683,000 25p ordinary shares, is currently being distributed to several thousand international institutions, although a significantly lower number are actually expected to take up stock. US institutions are excluded for regulatory reasons but the view yesterday was that the book-building exercise should close well before Friday. As one analyst put it: "If it takes until Friday it will mean the going has proved tough."

Kleinwort Benson Securities rowed in with a "buy" recommendation yesterday. In their words: "The placing is the last major hurdle before the shares finally lose their polecat status." The conclusion is that if the stock is placed at around 160p "the shares are a buy up to 195p".

Yesterday's EGM, held at the City's Chiswell Street Brewery, saw the resolution in respect of the "settlement agreement" passed by a substantial majority.

Glaxo to pay former chief £4m in record package

By George Sivell

ERNEST Mario, 54, who resigned as chief executive of Glaxo in March, stands to receive almost £4 million from the pharmaceutical company over the next three years. It is thought to be the biggest compensation package received by a director of a British company.

Sir Paul Girolami, Glaxo chairman, said at the time that Mr Mario had resigned from his post "because we had a different view of things". In particular, it is believed that Mr Mario wanted to take Glaxo, via a big acquisition, into more consumer-oriented over-the-counter markets.

According to Glaxo's annual report, published yesterday, Mr Mario will receive his annual salary of £900,000 in June each year for the next three years. He joined Glaxo's American subsidiary in September 1986 from the Squibb Corporation and had an American-style rolling three-year contract that entitled him to three years' pay on resignation. To receive the money, however, he must not work for a rival company.



Mario: difference of opinion

Mr Mario also remains entitled to performance-related pay, clocked up during his time at Glaxo. The terms of Glaxo's performance scheme are complex, but if the company's earnings per share outperform rivals such as Wellcome, Upjohn and Merck, he will receive about £1 million over the next three years.

Mr Mario also keeps his options over 526,186 shares. The vast majority of these are worthless at the moment because they were granted at prices between 649p and 833p, more than yesterday's price of 642p (up 1p).

Glaxo emphasised yesterday that Mr Mario's package had been approved by the company's remuneration committee, which is chaired by Sir John Cuckney, and is made up of all the company's non-executive directors including Lord Howe of Aberavon, the former Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Threadneedle Street comes to the market



ANTHONY HARRIS

Some of my best friends in the investment community, usually decisive men, are dithering over the government's new 6¾ per cent stock maturing in 2004, which will be auctioned next week. Of course they are, you may say — there is already a grey market, and the grey price reflects the market consensus. The point is that it is now equivalent to £97²⁹⁄₃₂ per £100, having hardened in line with the gilts market. This means that the Bank of England got the market virtually dead right when it set the terms. This is an auction, so it didn't need to get it right; but it did.

Getting the market right, you may think, is what officials are generously paid to do; so it is a somewhat double-edged compliment when I greet this success as a cause for celebration. Memory paints a very different picture. Among its highlights are the issue of 16 per cent 20-year stock in 1980, which provoked the formerly official-minded *Financial Times* to near apoplexy on behalf of taxpayers. Then there was the mess made of the earliest issues of indexed stock, too greedy instead of too generous. This stuck pioneer investors with heavy losses, and nearly strangled this wonderfully useful instrument at birth.

The Bank did, it is true, resist the blandishments of the still greedier Treasury, which dreamed of floating the issue at a price that would have guaranteed investors a real loss, on the grounds that a known limited loss would be preferable to the risk of being wiped out by inflation. After that experiment, the authorities reverted to their usual practice of choosing maturities to suit the life insurance actuaries, and pitching yields to guarantee a quick take-up of tap stocks. Result: an easy life for the government broker, at the expense of taxpayers.

In the bad old days, the Bank was quite happy to damn the expense; it was seen more as a fine, a punishment imposed by the market on the government for reckless borrowing. The gilts market had the dual function of funding the government and controlling the money supply as then defined; this meant that the stock had to be sold. In short, the Bank was running a buyer's market, and the Treasury paid the price. That 16 per cent stock was probably the watershed. Indexed borrowing, which meant that the government had an escape route, followed not long afterwards, and long yields started their downward march with an exhilarating rush.

However, the Bank went on catering to the market's supposed maturity preferences, which meant long commitments to high debt service costs that quickly came to be seen as excessive. The cost to taxpayers was, happily, limited by the disappearing borrowing requirement: now borrowing has come back on a huge scale and the cost is again important. The real significance of the new stock is the maturity; for the first time, the Bank has a declared policy of borrowing relatively short, to limit the government's forward commitment.

That is still a judgment that could prove expensive if inflation is raging again a decade from now; but the fact that the judgment is being made is itself something to celebrate. New-style economy funding is an effort to cut your future tax bill. It is a cautious one compared with the US Treasury, which has been keeping maturities really short; but if current American inflation forecasts are right, the US strategy is simply a plot to give the banks easy profits — really a variant on under-funding. It also provides short-term window-dressing for the Federal accounts, which will look much worse when the debt has to be refinanced. The market dithering here suggests that the Bank's effort is, by contrast, decently cautious, and judicious too.

One thing, though, is still missing: a bigger stress on index-linked funding. The relatively niggardly amount of stock issued reflects the Bank's persistently gloomy inflation expectations, only recently abandoned; it has probably regarded the heavy conventional funding it has achieved as a bargain in real terms. However, that is not a judgment it need make: indexed are designed for inflation-worriers, yet this market is still so thin that it carries an illiquidity premium. When the Bank shows itself readier to let investors back their own judgments, it will truly be practising market economics.

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Ryan moves aside as GPA reveals losses totalling $993m


Ryan: no payoff decision

By Patricia Tehan
Banking Correspondent

GPA, the troubled Irish aircraft leasing company, collapsed into the red in the year to end-March, with net losses of $993 million against a $249 million profit. The loss is after exceptional charges and restructuring provisions of $1.06 billion.

GPA revealed the extent of the damage yesterday as it announced it had reached conditional agreements on a $1.24 billion restructuring deal with GE Capital, the finance arm of General Electric of the US.

To reach the GE Capital deal, GPA had first to persuade Boeing, Airbus, and other aircraft makers to relax purchase agreements. Its order book for delivery after next January has been cut from 242 planes costing $11.3 billion, to 57 for $3.6 billion.

As part of the deal, Tony Ryan, GPA's founder and chairman, will move to a new role in a new company managing GPA's fleet. No decision has been taken whether Mr Ryan, whose salary is IR£300,000 (£283,000) and whose contract runs until 1996, will be paid compensation.

The leasing group will survive if shareholders approve the complex rescue at an extraordinary general meeting on October 18. GPA's fortunes have done a complete about turn since last summer when it was planning a big stock market flotation.

The company and some of its subsidiaries are in litigation with McDonnell Douglas arising out of aircraft purchase agreements worth $560 million. A trial is not expected before the end of next year. Although GPA is fighting the action, it has made a provision of $144 million in relation to the action, but said it does not expect it to succeed.

As part of the rescue, GE Capital will buy 44 aircraft for 85 per cent of their book value, an amount of $1.24 billion, raising gross liquidity of $465 million for GPA after repayment of debt, which will fall to a net $331 million in the medium term. The remaining 15 per cent will be counted as an investment by GPA. In addition, if GE Capital exercised its option to subscribe for new GPA shares in full and if only a minimum of $129 million were raised in new capital offers, GE Capital would acquire 67 per cent of GPA.

If GE Capital decides to exercise its option, exercisable up to end-March 1998, in full, it then has the right in the next three years to exercise a call option over all GPA shares then held. This call option may be exercised at a fair market value, subject to an unspecified floor price. If it does so, GE Capital will also offer to buy all existing ordinary shares on the same terms. This will be the first opportunity for shareholders to recoup part of their investment.

As a result of the $1.06 billion provisions and charges, the loss attributable to shareholders is $993 million which reduces net book worth from $1.23 billion to $234 million. Of the restructuring charges and exceptionals, $737 million was for restructuring, including $462 million for the restructuring of the aircraft order book including the McDonnell Douglas provision. There is also a $324 million exceptional charge relating to bad debts and provisions against lessees' failure to meet maintenance obligations. This also includes $128 million of extra write-downs on the values of some aircraft in its owned fleet. GPA said this cut amounted to 2 per cent of the book value of the entire fleet.

GPA has also reached a deal with its 138 banks including deferral for up to three years of $750 million of loan repayments and provision of a further $150 million. The group has total debts of $5.8 billion. It will also raise $150 million by issuing convertible and non-covertible notes to existing shareholders. It plans two note issues, for $129 million and for $21 million.

Export orders hit six-month low, say manufacturers

By Philip Bassett
Industrial Editor

■ Weak European markets are taking their toll of British export orders, which are lower than earlier in the year. Recession in Europe is becoming a cause for concern

MANUFACTURING companies' export orders have fallen to their lowest for six months, according to the Confederation of British Industry, which gave warning that the weakness of markets in Europe looked likely to hold back recovery in the UK.

The CBI figures, published today, raise questions about the continued growth in exports recorded in the government's latest GDP figures, published this week, which suggested a steady increase in exports as a principal reason behind better-than-expected economic growth.

Independent economists stressed that the government's three-month-old picture of the economy did not necessarily square with the position now, and the findings of the latest monthly industrial trends survey from the CBI support that.

The CBI's trends survey for September, covering almost 1,500 companies responsible for about half the UK's manufactured exports, shows that export demand has weakened again since August, with 37 per cent of companies surveyed reporting export orders below normal, while only 16 per cent say they are better than usual. The resulting balance — those above normal set against those below — of minus 21 per cent is the lowest since April, and is markedly worse than the minus 5 and minus 10 per cent balances seen in May and June.

CBI analysts said that weak European markets were taking their toll on UK export orders. Sir David Lees, chairman of the CBI's economic affairs committee, said that the recession in Europe was a major cause for concern, adding: "This weakness of our major overseas market is likely to hold back recovery."

Worse export orders have pushed down manufacturing companies' total orders, the CBI survey shows, with a balance of 21 per cent of companies registering total orders as below their normal level.

Companies expect production to go on rising for the rest of the year, however, despite falling orders. For the ninth successive month, companies believe that the volume of manufacturing output will rise over the next four months. At a positive balance of 17 per cent of companies forecasting an increase in production, optimism about output is at its second highest for four years.

Destocking is continuing, however, with a balance of only 9 per cent of companies now feeling their stock levels are adequate — the least excessive stock level recorded by the CBI since June 1990.

The CBI says 10 per cent of companies believe they will be able to put up their prices for domestic orders over the next four months, while 11 per cent say prices will have to be lower. With 79 per cent seeing no change, the balance of 1 per cent expecting a price decrease suggests broadly flat price levels.

JOHN MANNING


Michael Peagram, who turned a loss-maker into a profitable management buyout, has been named Britain's top entrepreneur. Dr Peagram, who joined Holliday Chemical in 1985, beat five finalists to win Venturer of the Year.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Appleyard calls for cash as profits leap

APPLEYARD Group, the multi-franchise motor dealer, accompanied a healthy jump in first-half profits with a £16.4 million cash call to help finance expansion. The proceeds of the three-for-ten rights issue, at 120p a share, will be used to reduce borrowings and to make "selective acquisitions".

Appleyard reported a jump in pre-tax profits to £2.61 million (£263,000) in the six months to end-June. Turnover advanced to £177 million (£158 million). Earnings stood at 3.9p (0.9p loss) a share. The interim dividend is maintained at 2.6p, and the company intends to propose an unchanged final dividend of 2.6p, giving a total of 5.2p for the year. Mike Williamson, chairman, said: "Overall, the profitability of new and used cars for the key trading month of August was substantially ahead of the similar period last year. The aftermarket remains firm. Our associated contract hire and leasing company has further benefited from strengthening residual profits, while our commercial vehicle division continues to operate significantly ahead of budgeted levels of profitability." Appleyard shares eased 2p to 148p.

EC backs works councils

THE Belgian presidency of the European Community yesterday vowed to push ahead with controversial rules making "works councils" mandatory for multinational companies. Miet Smet, Belgium's labour and sex equality minister, told her EC colleagues at an informal meeting in Brugges that there could be no turning back on the drive to increase workers' rights in the EC. She said proposals to protect young workers should also be put in place this year.

Pound and mark slip

STERLING dipped further on foreign exchanges on the coattails of the mark, which continued to weaken against the dollar and the yen because of fears about developments in Russia. The Bundesbank decided, as expected, not to change its key interest rates, but this had little effect on the steady flight from European currencies. The Bank of England's sterling index dipped from 80.7 to 80.4, mainly because of a fall of nearly 1.5 cents in its dollar rate to $1.5050 in London.

Greenalls golf plan

GREENALLS, the pubs group, plans to spend £6 million on an additional golf course and a golf academy at the Belfry in north Warwickshire, where the Ryder Cup match starts today. The new course will open in 1996, if planning permission is granted. Greenalls says trading at Devenish, the chain acquired in July, has been "well up to expectations" and the Cornish estate has had a better summer than last year. No further redundancies are expected.

Joint venture for WMI

THE Hong Kong government has signed a landfill project worth HK$3.5 billion (£299 million) with a British-led joint venture to provide long-term solid-waste disposal capacity. The contract was signed by the Hong Kong environmental protection department and Green Valley Landfill, a joint venture between Waste Management International, of London, Citic Pacific Ltd, of China, and Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd.

Ricardo improves

RICARDO, the engineering design group, advanced to £2.68 million (£2.04 million) in the year to end-June, despite tough trading conditions. Profits before exceptionals from continuing operations advanced 78 per cent to £4.1 million, while total turnover moved ahead to £65.6 million (£57.6 million). Gearing is 15 per cent (12 per cent) and earnings rise to 4.2p (3.6p) a share. The final dividend is maintained at 3.8p, giving an unchanged total of 5.7p. Ricardo shares eased 4p to 155p.

Power plant approved

CONSENT for construction of a new gas-fired power station at Didcot, Oxfordshire, has been granted to National Power by Tim Eggar, the energy minister, after a public enquiry. National Power said consent for the 1,500 megawatt combined cycle plant, adjacent to the existing coal-fired power station, would "enable the company to decide on the location and timing of future developments". It already has consent for a similar plant at Staythorpe, Nottinghamshire.

Antofagasta advances

ANTOFAGASTA Holdings, whose interests in Chile embrace copper mining, banking, rail transport and water supply, said pre-tax profits advanced to £20.8 million (£8.89 million) after including an exceptional £8.2 million profit from the merger of Banco O'Higgins and CentroHispano Banco. The group said that second-half results would be affected by current low metal prices. The interim dividend is held at 6p a share, from net earnings of 34.4p (22.1p) a share.

Halifax jumps by 29% despite fall in lending

By Sara McConnell

THE Halifax, the largest building society, yesterday announced a 29 per cent rise in pre-tax profit, to £411 million, for its first half, to July, in spite of falls in lending volumes and in net retail receipts against the same period last year.

The Halifax has continued to widen margins between rates paid to savers and rates charged to borrowers. It also increased turnover from commissions and fees from sales of properties and insurance. The net margin between savers' and borrowers' rates widened from 2.04 per cent, last year to 2.32 per cent.

The society's share of new mortgage business has fallen to 15 per cent from 19 per cent. Gross mortgage lending was £3.8 billion, with net lending at £1.16 billion in the first half.


Blackburn: optimism

In 1992's first half, gross lending was £4.5 billion and net lending £2.1 billion.

Mike Blackburn, Halifax chief executive, said that the Abbey National, the second-largest lender, had "certainly" overtaken the Halifax with 23 per cent of new lending in the first half, mainly by concentrating on fixed-rate loans. However, he said: "We are not disappointed with our lending. We have been very competitive with our packages."

The Halifax, is still the biggest lender, when existing mortgages are included, with 18 per cent of the market, and is, Mr Blackburn said, "quietly optimistic" about the housing market. "The haemorrhaging has stopped, but it is still extremely anaemic," he said.

Net retail deposits were £825 million, against £1.2 billion in 1992's first half. All societies are facing intense competition from National Savings and equity markets.

Mortgages 12 or more months in arrears fell from 23,600 to 21,100, with total arrears £235 million, down from £320 million.

Pre-tax profit for the Britannia building society rose by 70 per cent, to £28.5 million, for the half-year to end-June. The Britannia widened margins, with a 22 per cent rise in interest receivable, to £76.1 million, against £62.5 million. Income from other sources rose by 16 per cent, to £24.1 million. Gross lending rose 13 per cent.

IMF may delay loans to Russia

From Janet Bush
in Washington

THE International Monetary Fund will continue to make loans to Russia contingent on clear progress in implementing market reforms and, given the current political crisis, any further money may not now be forthcoming until next year.

Michel Camdessus, managing director of the IMF, said yesterday that if political leaders from the Group of Seven industrialised nations chose to go ahead with financial contributions to support Boris Yeltsin's reform programme and indeed his chances of staying in power, he would not object. But what mattered for the IMF was the "implementation of the adjustment and reform programme".

M Camdessus suggested, at the start of the IMF and World Bank meetings here, that the next reasonable date to consider the disbursement of further loans to Russia would be the beginning of next year. He hinted that, at that stage, the IMF could consider a second disbursement under the Fund's new systemic transformation facility, set up to help those countries switching from centrally planned to market economies. He also suggested the possibility of a more comprehensive programme of financial support, including a stand-by facility.

M Camdessus acknowledged that political instability in Russia had already contributed to a slow down in the Fund's financial support and strongly suggested that Mr Yeltsin's current difficulties would not change its position of making funds available only when progress on market reforms was palpable.

At stake is the $1.5 billion second tranche of an IMF loan, which now looks as if it will not be disbursed until at least next year. This is part of the $44 billion package announced at the US/Russia summit in Vancouver last year and approved by the G7 in Tokyo in July. It is unclear how the G7 nations will react to Mr Yeltsin's current difficulties but M Camdessus noted that they had a broader political agenda than the IMF.

Another major question which has to be addressed is the October 1 deadline for Russia to reschedule its debt with the Paris Club of creditor nations, which hinges on agreement between the IMF and Russia on overall economic reform.

Mr Camdessus said yesterday that the political crisis in Russia did not mean that the IMF was adopting a "wait and see" approach but that the Fund would work even more closely with the Russian authorities.

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Guinness drops to £320m


PETER TREVNOR

Anthony Greener, under the eye of Arthur Guinness

BY SARAH BAGNALL

SHARES in Guinness, the drinks company, slipped 33p to 426p on worse than forecast interim profits of £320 million, unexpected pension costs and a warning to shareholders that an overall recovery in its markets remains elusive.

Anthony Greener, chairman, said: "The world is suffering a long and difficult period of recession and the conditions we are experiencing this year are less favourable than we previously expected. We have a much more competitive market place, with price an increasingly important issue."

As a result, Guinness does not expect full-year profits, before exceptional items, to exceed last year's. And if current conditions persist, next year's profits growth is likely to be "modest".

The pre-tax profit for the half year to end-June was 9 per cent down on last time's £353 million. Full-year figures, subject to actuarial advice, are expected to be depressed by £30 million, given earlier than expected resumption of pension contributions.

The interim dividend rises 8 per cent to 3.62p, reflecting growth in free cash flow, the company's financial strength and the management's confidence in the long-term future, Mr Greener said.

■ Guinness profits will fall this year because the drinks market is much more competitive than expected and price is becoming increasingly important

Guinness also announced it is taking a 51 per cent to 55 per cent stake in Desnoes & Geddes, Jamaica's sole brewer, which produces Red Stripe lager and Dragon stout. The stake, which represents another step in Guinness's strategy of building up its worldwide stout brand, will cost between US$62 million and US$67 million.

In the year to end-September 1992, D&G made a pre-tax profit of J$347 million (£10.5 million), compared to J$126 million in 1991. The company had net cash balances of J$68 million, against J$84 million last time.

A breakdown of Guinness' figures reveals a fall in profits from United Distillers, in spite of a 2 per cent increase in sales. Margins came under pressure, falling from 31 per cent to 25 per cent, reflecting sterling's devaluation, a shift towards greater sales of standard lower price brands and pressure on prices.

The brewing operations suffered from tough market conditions in several of its key areas, including Malaysia, UK and Spain. Pre-tax profits from Cruzcampo, the Spanish operation, fell from £22 million to £9 million. Mr Greener said that in the short-term the company's main markets offered limited growth prospects. The drinks company's share of LVMH's profits fell 15 per cent to £34 million.

Mr Greener said: "Despite the current economic circumstances, Guinness is doing pretty well. We are very positive about the fundamentals of the business." In response to the competitive pressures, the company is cutting costs by £20 million a year and using the proceeds to step up investment. "The key message is that Guinness is in good shape," he added.

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Levy cuts Anglia TV interims

BY PHILIP PANGALOS

THE £17.8 million annual payment to the Exchequer for Anglia Television Group to keep its broadcasting franchise took its toll on first-half profits, but the broadcaster is confident about prospects.

Anglia paid £12.2 million to the Treasury in the first half, against a levy of £732,000 last time, as what Sir Peter Gibbings, chairman, called "a full but necessary price".

As a result, pre-tax profits for the period dimmed to £2.1 million, against £5.2 million.

Anglia believes that Channel 3 advertising revenue grew by 7 per cent in the half year and that its share of the Channel 3 cake has grown by about 0.3 per cent, to more than 7 per cent of the total. "The first six months were very satisfactory," Sir Peter said.

Anglia said third-quarter advertising was developing in line with the first half.

Sir Peter said: "Taking all factors into account ... we expect the profit for the first full year of our new licence to be very satisfactory."

Earnings fell to 3.38p (7.76p) a share. The interim dividend stays at 2.86p. Anglia will consider raising the final payout.

United puts up 'for sale' sign on Extel Financial

BY PATRICIA TEHAN

UNITED Newspapers has put a "for sale" sign over Extel Financial, its company and securities information and news service. The sale is thought likely to raise up to £60 million. The news sent its shares up 7p to 556p.

United acquired Extel Financial as part of Extel Group in June 1987 for £258 million.

Lord Stevens, the chairman, said: "In view of the increasing investment needs of the financial information industry, the board of United Newspapers now feels that the potential of Extel Financial, and the interests of its customers and staff, could probably best be developed within a larger financial information business."

United said at the time of its rights issue in June that it had received a number of enquiries for Extel Financial. Graham Wilson, managing director, said about 20 approaches had been received and about eight companies are on the list of potential buyers. He said the company decided officially to put Extel Financial up for sale because of daily speculation about such a likelihood. He added that it had been put up for sale because the financial industry wanted one-stop shopping, with bulk delivery of information services, and the provision of front and back-office services. Veronis Suhler & Associates of New York will handle the disposal.

The announcement was made as United unveiled a 10 per cent jump in pre-tax profits to £51.3 million for the first half of the year. Earnings per share were 19 per cent higher at 16.9p, but the interim dividend has been held at 7.5p.

Lord Stevens said the stronger dollar and conversion of the group's Reuters exchangeable preference shares contributed to the better profits. The £190 million from June's rights issue was used to cut borrowings. Net debt after the rights issue fell to £80 million. Profits from its national newspapers, which include the *Daily Express* and *Sunday Express*, were 16 per cent higher at £16.26 million.

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Barings leaps to £35m

BY OUR BANKING CORRESPONDENT

BARINGS, the privately controlled City merchant bank, enjoyed a threefold increase in pre-tax profits to £35.5 million in the first half of 1993, helped by an increase in treasury business and more favourable market conditions. Barings does not provide a detailed profits breakdown.

Baring Securities recovered from its previous first-half losses, and Andrew Tuckey, deputy chairman of Barings, said "the turnaround was significant and was a much improved performance".

Peter Baring, the chairman, said Baring Securities was profitable in each of its markets and made "a significant contribution to the group result". It had previously run up losses of between £10 million and £20 million.

Losses in the securities business and reorganisation costs halved the group's profits last year and led to the departure of Christopher Heath and four colleagues in March.

Baring Brothers was given a boost by activity in the foreign exchange markets and had a high level of cross-border corporate finance activity.

Baring Asset Management lifted its contribution to the group, after attracting new funds, particularly from the United States.

TT turns loss-maker into profit

BY COLIN CAMPBELL

TT Group, the electronics, packaging and building services concern, says it has already turned the recently acquired AB Electronic Products group, for which it paid £13 million, from loss into profit. The group is confident about the outcome of the 1993 financial year, which ends on Christmas Day.

Pre-tax profits in the six months to June 26 rose from £7.47 million to £9.42 million. The increased dividend of 2.6p (2.4p) a share underlines the board's confidence about prospects, the group says.

TT expects to announce a final dividend of not less than 4p a share, making 6.6p (6p) for the year.

The electronics division contributed £5.8 million towards pre-interest operating profits of £11.7 million, and the packaging division brought in £4.2 million at the operating level.

In July, TT raised £51.4 million net via a rights issue, allowing it to address the question of AB Electronic's debts and give flexibility for other acquisition opportunities. TT's current net cash holdings total £7.5 million.

The return on capital employed within the building services division remains satisfactory, though the recession continues to affect the building industry, TT says.

Laura Ashley shares slump

BY SUSAN GILCHRIST

CONTINUING losses in North America held back recovery at Laura Ashley, pushing profits well below City expectations.

Pre-tax profit at the fashion to home furnishings retailer fell from £1.7 million to £1.3 million for the six months to July 31, prompting a sharp slide in the share price, which fell 22p to 87p at yesterday's close. Turnover, however, rose strongly from £116.8 million to £144 million, with double-digit sales growth in Britain and the Continent.

Jim Maxmin, the group's chief executive, said the rising sales demonstrated the strength of the Laura Ashley brand, but he acknowledged that recovery in America, where stock management problems almost brought the business to its knees last year, would take longer than he had predicted. Operating losses in America rose from £500,000 to £3.2 million during the period, although this was substantially lower than the £6.5 million loss incurred in the second half of last year. Mr Maxmin insisted the business was now "out of intensive care", though he added that it would still lose money in the full year.

The British operations forged ahead with a sharp increase in operating profit from £1.4 million to £2.3 million, bolstered by more customers coming through the doors and spending on average 14 per cent more.

The group defied recession in Europe, the company announced, to more than double its operating profits from £700,000 to £1.7 million.

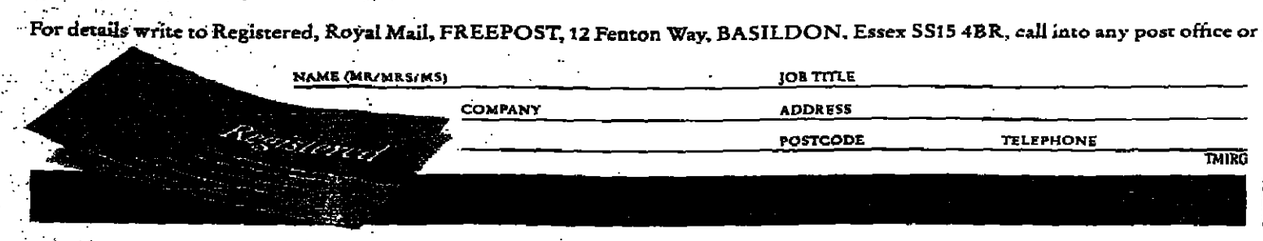
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Worries over US business chip away at Thorn EMI shares

STOCK MARKET

SHARES of **Thorn EMI** went into a new spin, falling 33p to 944p — stretching the loss of the past two days to 40p — as brokers continued to express concern about the group's American rent-to-buy furniture business.

Thorn's problems began on Wednesday after the *Wall Street Journal* alleged that its Rent-A-Center business had adopted unorthodox business practises. It is believed moves are afoot to introduce a bill classifying rent-to-own arrangements as credit sales. This would effectively limit the amount of interest the group could charge customers. Rent-A-Center is a major contributor to Thorn. Last year it made operating profits of £60 million out of a group total of £379 million. A number of brokers have already turned bearish. There was talk in the Square Mile yesterday that at least one broker has already downgraded its profit forecast for the group.

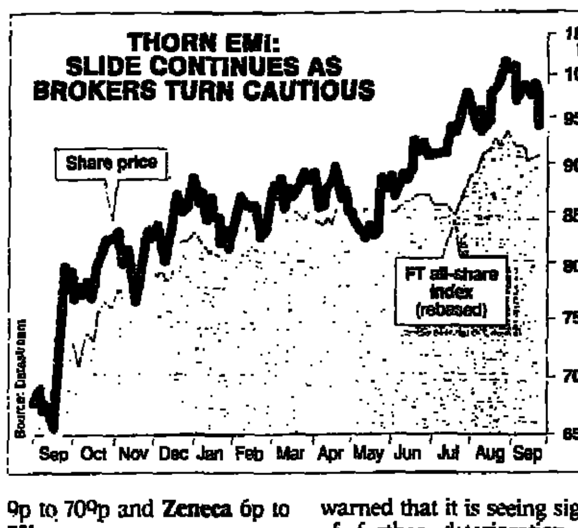
The rest of the equity market spent an unsettled day, with the FT-SE 100 index losing an early lead of almost 11 points to close 6.2 down at 3,001.3 as Wall Street registered a fall in early trading. Brokers are keeping a close eye on New York, claiming that the situation in Russia is still giving cause for concern and keeping buyers on the sidelines. By the close of business 713 million shares had been traded.

Rolls-Royce was a weak market, falling 3½p to 139½p, with the nil-paid due to go fully paid later today following the 130p call. Traders have been driving the nil-paid price lower this week and this has, in turn, been depressing the fully paid.

GEC climbed 5p to 350p, after briefly touching 353p. There is talk that the group has landed a major defence contract in Malaysia.

There was an element of anti-climax among pharmaceuticals following President Clinton's announcement of his proposals for US healthcare. Dealers said there were still a lot of unanswered questions and Salomon Brothers, the broker, gave warning that the sector faces a prolonged period of uncertainty.

Glaxo firmed 1p to 642p, but **SmithKline Beecham A** eased 4p to 421p. **Wellcome** 9p to 709p and **Zeneca** 6p to 721p.



Guinness fell 32p to 427p after failing to please the City with first half pre-tax profits down from £352 million to £320 million. The group warned that it is seeing signs of further deterioration in some of its major markets and any overall recovery remained elusive. As a result, profits for the full year were likely to be in line with the £920 million reported in 1992. But this would be recorded before an exceptional charge of £30 million relating to pension fund contributions.

The rest of the drinks sector was dragged lower by the Guinness performance, with **Allied-Lyons** down 12p at 571p, **Bass** 13p at 463p, **Grand Metropolitan** 6½p at 407½p, and **Whitbread A** 7p at 530p.

Half-year figures from **William Morrison Supermarkets** also failed to live up to expectations with pre-tax profits £2 million better at £38.2 million. Sales rose 18 per cent but margins were again under pressure, falling from 5.8 per cent to 5.2 per cent. The company blamed fierce competition and price cutting. Later in the day Hoare Govett, the broker, placed a line of 4 million Morrison shares with various institutions at 101p. The placing was oversubscribed.

The figures from Morrison, combined with disappointing news earlier this week from Tesco, succeeded in dragging other food retailers lower. **Asda Group** fell 2½p to 59½p, despite Wednesday's encouraging annual general meeting. There were also losses for **Argyll**, 10½p to 292½p, **Iceland Group**, 9p to 200p, **Kwik Save**, 20p to 686p, **Nurdin & Peacock**, 2p to 191p, **Tesco**, 11p to 197½p and **J Sainsbury**, 20p to 420p.

United Newspapers, publisher of the *Daily* and *Sunday Express*, rose 7p to 556p after pushing up half-year pre-tax profits from £45.6 million to £51.3 million.

Shield Diagnostics scored a modest premium in first time dealings. Placed at 112p by Allied Provincial Securities, the shares started life at 118p before ending at 116p.

Laura Ashley tumbled 22p to 87p after some disappointing trading news. Analysts have now begun downgrading their forecasts for the full year, following a meeting with the company.

☐ **GILT-EDGED** took their lead from the overnight performance of the US bond market and outperformed other European bond markets. But dealers said there was little substance to the rally, which saw the December series of the **long gilt** climb £⅝ to £112$^{15}/_{32}$ as 57,000 contracts were completed. In longs **Treasury 9 per cent 2012** rose ten ticks to £116¼, while in shorts, **Treasury 9½ per cent 1999** added four ticks to £112⅞.

MICHAEL CLARK

Wembley returns to the black

By Philip Pangalos

SIR Brian Wolfson, chairman of Wembley, sounded a cautiously optimistic note on prospects as exceptional gains from disposals helped the leisure group, which owns the eponymous national football stadium, return to the black.

Wembley, which suffered a full-year loss of £12 million in 1992, reported a pre-tax profit of £2.89 million in the six months to end-June, against an interim pre-tax profit of £1.07 million last time.

The group is only in the black, however, because of by a £4.3 million exceptional profit. It sold Lion Leisure and its interests in The Ticketing Group and Autotote Corporation for £5.6 million.

The group recently sold the Needles Pleasure Park on the Isle of Wight and plans more sell-offs to cut its debts, which stood at £138.6 million at the halfway stage. Gearing was trimmed to about 70 per cent at the interim stage, against 80 per cent at the last year end.

Total turnover, affected by discontinued operations, fell to £81.4 million (£96.8 million), but turnover from continuing operations climbed slightly to £77.9 million (£77.3 million), in spite of the harsh trading environment. The national stadium complex, which includes Wembley Arena, had virtually unchanged operating profits, although turnover was up.

Rentals from the conference and exhibition businesses advanced 30 per cent to top £3 million, boosted by an increase in utilisation from two new exhibition halls completed in 1991.

There is no interim dividend, against 0.2p last time, in a bid to conserve cash. The shares have recovered from this year's low of 11p but were unchanged at 18½p yesterday.

Travis Perkins sees signs of recovery

By Colin Campbell

TRAVIS Perkins, the building materials supplier and operator of 11 garden centres, is planning to expand modestly on its current 164 outlets, by the end of the year.

Tony Travis, chairman, said there were some signs of a recovery within the building industry, but he emphasised that trading remained patchy.

Pre-tax profits rose from a restated £5.18 million to £9.31 million in the half year to June 30, on a turnover that was 10 per cent higher at £166.8 million. Net operating margins improved from 3.2 per cent of sales to 5.4 per cent, and the net cash position was £9.9 million.

The group said it wanted to restore dividend cover to at least two times and was, therefore, maintaining the 1993 interim dividend at 2.5p a share. In its 1992 year, Travis Perkins's total dividend of 8p a share was not covered by net earnings of 6.7p a share.

Mr Travis said consumer confidence in the housing market was still fragile, but costs had been trimmed and the company was well placed for any improvement.

Geest slips up on new quota delay

GEEST has paid dearly for the EC's six-month delay in setting up its banana blockade. The fresh produce importer doubled its banana production in anticipation of new quotas on January 1 but delay until July allowed US companies to flood the market with cheaper "dollar" bananas from Latin America.

Prices plummeted and Geest, which sources its bananas from the more expensive Windward Islands, paid with squeezed margins. Interim pre-tax profits fell from £15.4 million to £3.6 million.

David Sugden, chief executive, explained: "We were selling bananas at a loss in the second quarter." The outlook is more positive with prices already picking up after the spring glut and Mr Sugden expects Geest to be the second biggest supplier in Europe after Chiquita by 1994.

Geest invested heavily last year, spending £40 million on a new plantation in Costa Rica in order to take advantage of its quota of cheaper bananas under the new regime.

In addition, Geest pumped money into two new ships to serve trade in the Windward Islands, where Geest does not own plantations but buys at the port. Price pressure hit fresh produce profits, which slumped from £11.2 million in the first half of 1992 to £1.9 million in the six months to July 3, after a 3 per cent slide in turnover to £276 million.

Capital expenditure is set to continue at a high level in the prepared foods division, where Geest supplies salads and dips to major retailers and is a market leader in fresh pasta and pizzas. The company spent £10 million on new



David Sugden sold bananas at a loss in second quarter

facilities and will spend another £10 million this year.

Sales from prepared foods jumped to £55 million (£38.5 million) as the company increased its market share, but profits suffered a setback due to start-up difficulties at a new pasta factory, leaving the return from fresh produce sales unchanged at £3.2 million.

Net debt rose to £32 million (£7 million), putting gearing up to 39 per cent. Earnings per share fell to 3.6p (15.3p) and the dividend is held at 3.7p.

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Morrison margins squeezed

Further evidence of the intense competition and price pressure in food retailing emerged yesterday from William Morrison, the northern supermarket operator.

Turnover grew to £747 million (£624 million) for the six months to July 31, but pre-tax profits only rose to £38.2 million (£36.2 million). Increased labour costs squeezed operating margins from 5.8 per cent to 5.2 per cent.

Like-for-like sales have grown by 2 per cent as competitors have opened new stores near to William Morrison outlets. The interim dividend is lifted to 0.2p (0.16p).

Wessex deal

Wessex Water has struck a deal with Ofwat, the industry's financial regulator, to take on more risks of price and cost movement in exchange for Ofwat not changing its price limits if such factors move in favour of Wessex. The deal follows similar Ofwat agreements with others.

Land sale

Harmony Leisure is to buy a portfolio of property from British Land. Harmony lost £2.1 million in the year to March (£3.7 million loss). The loss per share was 8.01p, down from 13.83p. There is no dividend.

Caverdale offer

Caverdale, a motor retailer, is replenishing funds after recent acquisitions by raising £3.2 million through a placing and open offer of 27.2 million shares at 12½p each.

Ferguson buys

Ferguson International, the light engineering and packaging group, is paying £7.5 million for Red Wing, a New York maker of coat hangers.

WALL STREET

Earnings fears push Dow to lower level

New York — US blue chips retreated to lower levels in midday trading. The Dow Jones industrial average was off 12.58 points at 3,534.44, with gaining issues holding a slim lead over losing shares.

Jim Schroeder, a market analyst at MMS International, said fear over earnings was keeping many investors away from bigger shares, while secondary issues were boosted by a rally in health maintenance organisations.

☐ **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index ended up 102.1 points at 7,581.00, buoyed by strong overseas demand on expectations that China will hold the 2000 Olympics.

☐ **Frankfurt** — Share prices slipped back in nervous post-bourse trade with investors unsettled by vague rumours of troop movements in Russia. The *Dax* indicated about 1,906, after closing floor trading at 1,916.51.

☐ **Sydney** — The all-ordinaries index ended 9.3 higher at 1,928.6.

☐ **Tokyo** — Closed for a national holiday. *(Reuter)*

	Sep 23 midday	Sep 22 close
AMP Inc	69⅞	69⅞
AMR Corp	63¾	63
Abbott Labs	26¼	25⅞
Aetna Life	57⅞	57⅞
Ahmanson (HF)	19⅞	19⅞
Air Prod & Chem	38⅞	38⅞
Albertson's	51	51½
Alcan Aluminum	18⅞	18⅞
Alco Standard	49⅞	49⅞
Allied Signal	73⅞	73
Alum Co of Am	67⅞	68⅞
Amax	22⅞	22⅞
Amerada Hess	50⅞	50⅞
Amer Brands	31½	32⅞
Amer Cyanamid	55⅞	54⅞
Amer El Power	38⅞	38⅞
Amer Express	34⅞	34⅞
Amer Genl Corp	33⅞	33⅞
Amer Home Pr	62⅞	62
Amer Intl	96⅞	97⅞
Amer Stores	42⅞	43⅞
Amer T & T	59⅞	58⅞
Ameritech	87⅞	87⅞
Amoco	54⅞	54⅞
Anheuser-Busch	43⅞	45⅞
Apple Computer	24⅞	25⅞
Archer Daniels	23⅞	23⅞
Arkla	8⅞	8⅞
Armco	6⅞	6⅞
Armstrong Wrld	40⅞	41⅞
Asarco	17⅞	17⅞
Ashland Oil	33⅞	33⅞
Atl Richfield	109⅞	110⅞
Auto Data Pro	50⅞	50⅞
Avery Dennison	26⅞	26⅞
Avon Products	50⅞	50⅞
Baker Hughes	21⅞	21⅞
Baltim Gas & El	26⅞	26⅞
Banc One	39⅞	39⅞
BankAmerica	45⅞	46
Bank of NY	52⅞	52⅞
Bankers Tr NY	78⅞	78⅞
Barnett Banks	43⅞	43⅞
Bausch & Lomb	48	47⅞
Baxter Intl	21	21
Becton Dicknsn	35⅞	35⅞
Bell Atlantic	63⅞	63⅞
BellSouth	60⅞	61⅞
Black & Decker	20⅞	20⅞
Block (H&R)	39⅞	39⅞
Boeing	39	39⅞
Boise Cascade	20⅞	21⅞
Borden Inc	18⅞	18⅞
Bristol Myrs Sq	58⅞	58⅞
Browning Ferris	22⅞	22⅞
Burlington Nthn	53⅞	53⅞
CBS	262⅞	264⅞
CNA Financial	87⅞	87⅞
CPC Intl	44⅞	44⅞
CSX	77⅞	78⅞
Campbell Soup	37⅞	37⅞
Can Pacific	15⅞	15⅞
Cpd Cities ABC	540	543⅞
Cpd Holdings	42⅞	43⅞
Carolina Pwr	33⅞	34⅞
Caterpillar	77	77⅞
Central & SW	33⅞	33⅞
Champion Intl	29⅞	30⅞
Chase Manhat	36⅞	36⅞
Chemical Bk	43⅞	43⅞
Chevron Corp	90⅞	90⅞
Chrysler	46⅞	46⅞
Chubb Corp	84⅞	86⅞
Cigna Corp	64	63⅞
Citicorp	35⅞	36⅞
Clorox	52⅞	52⅞
Coastal Corp	26⅞	26⅞
Coca Cola	42⅞	42⅞
Colgate-Palmolive	53⅞	53⅞
Columbia Gas	25⅞	25⅞
Commonw Ed	31⅞	31⅞
Compaq Comp	58⅞	58
Comp Ass Intl	32⅞	31⅞
Conagra	25⅞	25⅞
Cons Edison	37⅞	37⅞
Cons Nat Gas	52	51⅞
Cons Rail	55⅞	54⅞
Cooper Inds	49⅞	49⅞
Corning Inc	32⅞	33⅞
Crown Cork	35	34⅞
Dana Corp	53⅞	54⅞
Dayton Hudson	69⅞	67⅞
Deere	68⅞	68⅞
Delta Air Lines	52⅞	51⅞
Deluxe Corp	35⅞	36
Detroit Edison	34⅞	34⅞
Digital Equip	38⅞	37⅞
Dillard Dept St	36	34⅞
Disney (Walt)	38⅞	39⅞
Dominion Res	48⅞	48⅞
Donnelley (RR)	29⅞	29⅞
Dover Corp	56	56
Dow Chemicals	57⅞	58
Dow Jones	32⅞	32⅞
Dresser	20⅞	20⅞
Duke Power	43⅞	43⅞
Dun & Brdstreet	62⅞	62⅞
Du Pont	47⅞	47
Eastman Kodak	57⅞	58⅞
Eaton Corp	50⅞	50

	Sep 23 midday	Sep 22 close
Emerson Elec	58⅞	58⅞
Engelhard Corp	38	38⅞
Enron Corp	33	33⅞
Entergy Corp	39⅞	39⅞
Ethyl Corp	18	17⅞
Exxon	64⅞	64⅞
FMC Corp	49⅞	49⅞
FPL Group	40⅞	40⅞
Federal Express	60⅞	61⅞
Fed. Nat Mtge	78⅞	77⅞
First Chicago	47⅞	47⅞
First Interstate	61⅞	61⅞
First Union Rity	10⅞	10⅞
Fleet Fnl Grp	34	34⅞
Fluor Corp	42⅞	42⅞
Ford Motor	55⅞	54⅞
GTE Corp	38⅞	37⅞
Gannett	48⅞	49
Gap Inc Del	28⅞	28⅞
Gen. Dynamics	90⅞	90⅞
Gen Electric	96⅞	96⅞
Gen Mills	60⅞	60⅞
Gen Motors	46⅞	45⅞
Gen Reinsurance	124⅞	126⅞
Gen Signal	31⅞	32
Genuine Parts	37⅞	37⅞
Georgia Pac	62⅞	63
Gillette	56⅞	56
Glaxo ADR	19⅞	19⅞
Goodrich (BF)	46⅞	46⅞
Goodyear Tire	43⅞	44⅞
Grace (W&R)	36⅞	35⅞
Grt Atl Pac Tea	27⅞	28
Great Wstn Fin	19⅞	19⅞
Halliburton	34	33⅞
Harcourt General	44⅞	44
Heinz (HJ)	35⅞	35⅞
Hercules	86⅞	85⅞
Hershey Foods	50⅞	50⅞
Hewlett Packard	69⅞	68⅞
Hilton Hotels	46⅞	45⅞
Home Depot	37	36⅞
Homestake Mng	17⅞	17
Honeywell	35⅞	35⅞
Household Intl	78⅞	78⅞
Houston Inds	46⅞	46⅞
Humana	13⅞	13
ITT Corp	92	91⅞
Illinois Tool	38⅞	38⅞
INCO	18⅞	18⅞
Ingersoll Rand	37⅞	37⅞
Inland Steel	26⅞	26⅞
Intel Corp	68⅞	67⅞
IBM	42⅞	42
Intl Flav & Fr	102⅞	108⅞
Intl Paper	59⅞	60⅞
James River Va	21⅞	22⅞
Jhnsn & Jhnsn	39⅞	39⅞
K Mart	23⅞	23⅞
Kellogg	51⅞	52⅞
Kerr-McGee	50⅞	50⅞
Kimberly-Clark	48⅞	48⅞
Knight-Ridder	52⅞	52
Lilly (Eli)	49⅞	49⅞
Limited Inc	22⅞	21½
LIN Brdcstng	113⅞	115
Lincoln Nat	46⅞	46⅞
Litton	60	60⅞
Liz Claiborne	20⅞	20⅞
Lockheed Corp	65⅞	65
Louisiana Pac	32⅞	33
MCI Commun	27⅞	27⅞
Marriott	28⅞	28⅞
Marsh & McLnn	88⅞	89⅞
Masco Corp	31⅞	31⅞
May Dept St	44⅞	44
Maytag Corp	15⅞	15⅞
McCaw Cellular	53⅞	54
McDonalds	52⅞	52⅞
McDonnell D	90⅞	89⅞
McGraw Hill	66⅞	66⅞
Mead Corp	44	43⅞
Medtronic	65⅞	64⅞
Mellon Bk	54⅞	57⅞
Melville Corp	43⅞	43
Merck Inc	31⅞	31⅞
Merrill Lynch	97⅞	97⅞
Minnesota Mine	103⅞	104⅞
Mobil Corp	77⅞	77⅞
Monsanto	63	63⅞
Morgan (JP)	75	75⅞
Motorola Inc	97⅞	94⅞
Natl Medical	7⅞	7⅞
Natl Semi	20⅞	20⅞
Natl Service Ind	24⅞	25
Navistar Intl	20	20
NBD Bancorp	32⅞	32⅞
NY Times A	24⅞	24⅞
Newmont Mng	48⅞	47⅞
Niag Mohawk	24⅞	24⅞
Nike B	46⅞	45⅞
NL Industries	5⅞	5⅞
Nordstrom	30	30
Norfolk Sthrn	67⅞	67
Nthn State Pwr	47⅞	47⅞
Norwest Corp	25⅞	26⅞
Nynex Corp	48	47⅞
Occidental Pet	20⅞	20⅞
Ohio Edison	25⅞	25⅞
Oracle Systems	58⅞	58⅞

	Sep 23 midday	Sep 22 close
Oryx Energy Co	21⅞	21⅞
Owens Corning	45	45⅞
PNC Financial	29⅞	29⅞
PPG Industries	65⅞	64⅞
Paccar Inc	62⅞	62⅞
Pacificorp	19⅞	19⅞
Pac Enterprises	26⅞	26⅞
Pac Gas & Elect	36⅞	36
Pac Telesis	54⅞	54
Pall Corp	19⅞	19
Panhandle East	24	24⅞
Paramnt Comm	76⅞	78
Parker Hannifin	32⅞	32⅞
Penney (JC)	46⅞	45⅞
Pennzoil	61⅞	62⅞
Pepsico	40⅞	40⅞
Pfizer	62	60⅞
Phelps Dodge	40⅞	40⅞
Philadel Elec	33⅞	33⅞
Philip Morris	46⅞	46⅞
Phillips Pet	31⅞	31⅞
Pitney Bowes	38⅞	38⅞
Polaroid	33⅞	35
Price Co	37⅞	36⅞
Primerica	47⅞	47⅞
Procter & Gmbl	46⅞	46
Pub Serv E & G	34⅞	35⅞
Quaker Oats	67	67⅞
Ralston Purina	37⅞	37⅞
Raychem Corp	42⅞	41⅞
Raytheon	63⅞	63⅞
Reebok Intl	24	24
Reynolds Metals	44	44
Roadway Srvcs	61⅞	61
Rockwell Intl	35⅞	35⅞
Rohm & Haas	51⅞	51
Royal Dutch	98⅞	98⅞
Rubbermaid	33⅞	33⅞
Safeco Corp	62⅞	62⅞
St Paul's Cos	92⅞	92⅞
Salomon Inc	49	48⅞
Santa Fe Pac	18⅞	18⅞
Sara Lee Corp	23⅞	23⅞
Scecorp	24⅞	24⅞
Schering Plough	64⅞	63⅞
Schlumberger	62	62⅞
Scott Paper	32⅞	32⅞
Seagram	25⅞	25⅞
Sears Roebuck	56⅞	57⅞
Shell Trans	60⅞	60⅞
Sherwin Wllms	35⅞	35⅞
Skyline Corp	17⅞	17
Snap-On-Tools	39⅞	39⅞
Southern Co	45⅞	45⅞
Sthwestern Bell	43⅞	43⅞
Sprint Corp	36⅞	36⅞
Stanley Works	41⅞	41⅞
Sun Company	27	26⅞
Suntrust	42⅞	42⅞
Supervalu	33⅞	33⅞
Syntex Corp	18⅞	19⅞
Sysco Corp	27⅞	27⅞
TRW Inc	65⅞	65⅞
Tandem Comp	11⅞	11⅞
Tandy Corp	35⅞	36⅞
Telecom Corp	3⅞	3⅞
Teledyne	26	26⅞
Temple Inland	43	43⅞
Tenneco	49⅞	50⅞
Texaco	63⅞	64⅞
Texas Inst	79⅞	77⅞
Texas Utilities	47⅞	47⅞
Textron	58⅞	57⅞
Time Warner	42⅞	42⅞
Times-Mirror	29⅞	29⅞
Timken	31⅞	31
Torchmark	57⅞	57⅞
Toys R Us	36⅞	36⅞
Transamerica	60⅞	60
Travelers Corp	37	36⅞
Tribune	52	51⅞
Tyco Labs	42⅞	42⅞
UAL Corp	138⅞	137⅞
UST Inc	27⅞	27
USX Marathon	18⅞	18⅞
Unilever NV	109	109⅞
Union Camp	42⅞	42⅞
Union Carbide	19	19⅞
Union Pacific	61⅞	62⅞
Unisys Corp	11⅞	11⅞
USAIR Group	12⅞	12⅞
USF&G Corp	17⅞	17⅞
US Life	40⅞	41
US West	48	48⅞
United Tech	55⅞	56
Unocal Corp	26⅞	26⅞
Upjohn	28⅞	28
VF Corp	44	44⅞
WMX Tech	30⅞	29⅞
Wal-Mart Stores	24⅞	24⅞
Warner-Lambert	69⅞	69⅞
Wells Fargo	120⅞	121⅞
Westinghouse El	13⅞	13
Weyerhaeuser	39⅞	40
Whirlpool	60⅞	59⅞
Whitman	15	15
Winn Dixie	57⅞	57⅞
Woolworth	24⅞	24⅞
Wrigley (Wm) Jr	43⅞	43⅞
Xerox	70⅞	70⅞

MAJOR CHANGES

RISES:		FALLS:	
Cater Allen	564p (+9p)	Bass	463p (-13p)
Meyer Int	418p (+22p)	L Ashley	87p (-22p)
Travis Perkins	275p (+30p)	Allied-Lyons	571p (-12p)
Amersham	824p (+10p)	Guinness	427p (-32p)
Vosper Thorny	694p (+16p)	Brixton	211p (-11p)
Wolseley	645p (+15p)	MEPC	480p (-10p)
Liberty Life	889p (+12p)	Pittards	47p (-12p)
Anglia TV	375p (+13p)	Tibbet & Britten	700p (-15p)
Fairline Boats	324p (+33p)		
BAT	472p (+10p)		
Wickes	112p (+10p)		
Mitel	576p (+65p)		

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

SWP (Fin)
Pre-tax: £170,000
EPS: 0.5p (0.1p)
Div: 0.2p (nil)
Previous profit £30,000. First dividend for two years. Little improvement in trading conditions.

UTD ENERGY (Int)
Pre-tax: £40,000
EPS: 0.12p
Div: Nil (nil)
Previous interim loss £52,000, loss per share 0.19p. Production increased from 107,000 barrels to 145,000, turnover up 89pc

SECURE TRUST (Int)
Pre-tax: £3.7m (£3.4m)
EPS: 17.3p (16.1p)
Div: 4.5p (4p)
Increased contributions from each of three revenue streams, fee income up 10% to £4m. Gradual and steady improvement

QUALITY SOFTWARE (Int)
Pre-tax: £143,000
EPS: 2.1p (3.9p)
Div: Nil (nil)
Previous interim profit £227,000. Intend to pay final dividend. Turnover up 10% at £6.6m. Shares were listed in March

ERNEST GREEN (Fin)
Pre-tax: £773,000
EPS: 6.6p (6p)
Div: 4.25p (4.25p)
Previous profit £584,000. Cash reserves over £3m. Gareth Cooper, managing director of Stena Sealink, joins board

DAGENHAM MOTORS
Pre-tax: £1.3m (£1.1m)
EPS: 5p (4.4p)
Div: 1.75p (1.75p)
Interim results. Commercial vehicle sales up 69% and revival will be enhanced by new heavy trucks from Iveco Ford

ERITH (Int)
Pre-tax: £523,000
EPS: 0.75p
Div: 0.35p (0.35p)
Previous interim loss £229,000 and loss per share 0.34p. Improving trend in housing market continued

DONELON TYSON (Int)
Pre-tax: £439,000 (£1m)
EPS: 0.66p (1.55p)
Div: Nil (nil)
No evidence of recovery in construction sector. More activity in social housing, less in water

NORMAN HAY (Int)
Pre-tax: £677,000 loss
EPS: 4.5p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
Previous loss £393,000 and loss per share 1.8p. Closing unprofitable businesses will have severe impact on full year

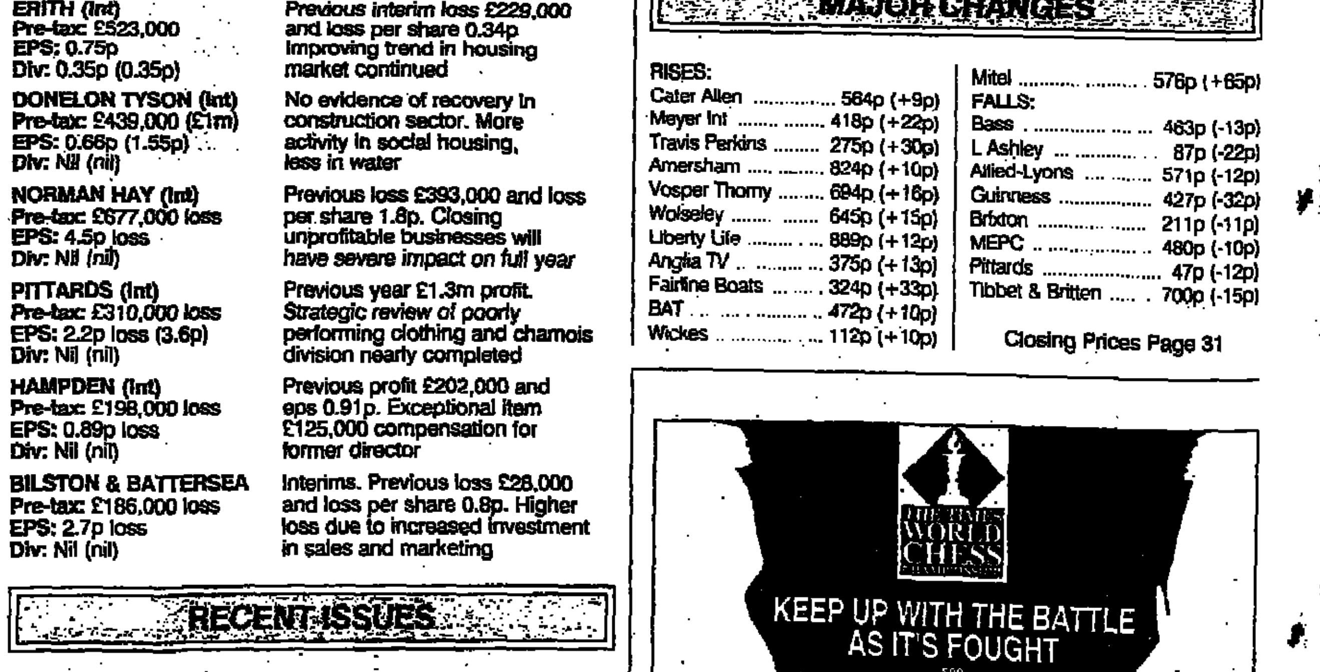
PITTARDS (Int)
Pre-tax: £310,000 loss
EPS: 2.2p loss (3.6p)
Div: Nil (nil)
Previous year £1.3m profit. Strategic review of poorly performing clothing and chamois division nearly completed

HAMPDEN (Int)
Pre-tax: £198,000 loss
EPS: 0.89p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
Previous profit £202,000 and eps 0.91p. Exceptional item £125,000 compensation for former director

BILSTON & BATTERSEA
Pre-tax: £186,000 loss
EPS: 2.7p loss
Div: Nil (nil)
Interims. Previous loss £28,000 and loss per share 0.8p. Higher loss due to increased investment in sales and marketing

RECENT ISSUES

Anglian Water Wrts	108	+1	For & Col Spl Units	111	...
Bakyrchik (120)	130	...	Ivory & Sime Ent Cap	78	-1
Beta Viet Nam Units	£37¼	...	Ivory & Sime Ent Cap Wts	14	...
Crockfords (90)	95	...	Nouvelle A	5½	-¼
Explaura A	3¼	...	Select Industries	10	...
For & Col Special Inc	68½	...	Shield Diagnostics (112)	116	...
For & Col Spl Capital	42	...	VHE Holdings (115)	118	...



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LEGAL NOTICES

No 006931 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER of GASCOIGNE MELOTTE (U.K.) LIMITED
- and -
IN THE MATTER of THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 4th day of August 1993 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the share capital of the above-named GASCOIGNE MELOTTE (U.K.) LIMITED (hereinafter called "the Company").
AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before Mr Registrar Buckley at the Royal Courts of Justice, The Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Wednesday the 13th day of October 1993.
ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the proposed reduction of the share capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.
A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
Dated this 10th day of September 1993.
Warner Goodman & Streat
Portland Chambers
66 West Street Fareham
Hampshire PO16 0JR
Solicitors
for the above-named Company
Ref: LJG/MND

Air-Style Aviation Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co situated at PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on 12th October 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 21st September 1993
D Dias, Director.

Delrisor Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co. situated at PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on 28th September 1993 at 11.00 for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors
Dated this 17th September 1993
R W Taylor, Director.

LEND LEASE INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LIMITED
NOTICE IS GIVEN pursuant to the Companies Act 1985 Section 176 that at the annual general meeting of the above named company ("the Company") convened and held on Thursday 23 September, 1993 a special resolution was passed.
1. approving the redemption of 8,000,000 Class "A" Ordinary Shares of £1 each of the Company at par and 28,688,469 Class "B" Ordinary Shares of £1 each of the Company at par
2. authorising the payment of £36,688,469 out of the capital of the Company.
The statutory declaration of the directors of the Company and the auditor's report required by the Companies Act 1985 Section 173(5) are available for inspection at the registered office of the Company at York House, 7th Floor, 23 Kingsway, London WC2B 6UJ.
Any creditor of the Company may at any time within the 5 weeks immediately following Thursday 23 September, 1993 apply to the court under the Companies Act 1985 Section 176 for an order cancelling the resolution or for other relief.

Lewis Leathers Limited
THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986 that a Meeting of the Creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Hill House, Highgate Hill, London N19 5UU, on 24 September 1993 at 10 30am for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 to 101 of the said Act.
Creditors wishing to vote at the Meeting must lodge their proxy, together with a full statement of account at the registered office - Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU not later than 12 noon on 23 September 1993.
For the purposes of voting a secured creditor is required (unless he surrenders his security) to lodge at Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU before the meeting, a statement giving particulars of his security, the date when it was given and the value at which it is assessed.
Notice is further given that a list of the names and addresses of the Company's creditors may be inspected, free of charge, at the offices of Carter Backer Winter, Hill House, Highgate Hill, London, N19 5UU between 10 00 am and 4 00 pm on the two business days preceding the date of the meeting stated above
By Order of the Board
R.A. Lyon, Director
13 September 1993

EDLINGTON ESTATES LTD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of The Insolvency Act 1986 that a meeting of the creditors of the above-named Company will be held at Sherlock House, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF on 5th October 1993 at 12.00 noon for the purposes provided for in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above Company's Creditors can be inspected at the offices of Latham Crossley & Davis, 7 Kenrick Place, London W1H 3FF, between the hours of 10.00 am and 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors
Dated this 21st September 1993
S J Gaul, Director

Number 1 Airtours Limited
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act 1986, that a meeting of the creditors of the above named company will be held at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co situated at PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, on 12th October 1993 at 12 01 pm for the purposes provided in Section 98 et seq.
A list of names and addresses of the above company's creditors can be inspected at the offices of Leonard Curtis & Co., PO Box 553, 30 Eastbourne Terrace, (2nd Floor), London, W2 6LF, between the hours of 10.00 am to 4.00 pm on the two business days preceding the Meeting of Creditors.
Dated this 21st September 1993
D Dias, Director.

THE INSOLVENCY ACT 1986
AIMVILLE LTD.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN Pursuant to Section 98 of the Insolvency Act, 1986 that a MEETING of the CREDITORS of the above named Company will be held on 8 October 1993 at The Old Bakery, Lower Gower Road, Royston, Hertfordshire at 12.00 noon for the purposes mentioned in Section 99 et seq of the said Act.
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Maurice Raymond Dorrington, FIPA of 4, Charterhouse Square, London, EC1M 6EN is appointed to act as the qualified Insolvency Practitioner pursuant to Section 98(2)(a) of the said Act who will furnish Creditors with such information as they may require.
DATED 17th September 1993
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD
V. Nichols, DIRECTOR.

THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
Notice of Appointment of Administrative Receiver
John Bryant Seeds Limited
Registered number: 844522.
Nature of business: Seed Merchants. Trade classification: 01. Date of appointment of administrative receivers: 13 September 1993. Name of person appointing the administrative receivers: Hill Samuel Bank Limited. Joint Administrative Receivers: Peter Ryan Cridland Dereham and David John Blenkarn (office holder nos: 1934 and 6676) Address 31 Great George Street Bristol BS1 5QD.

No 4 of 1993
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
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BIRMINGHAM
DISTRICT REGISTRY
IN THE MATTER OF P C G FLOWERS LIMITED
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE INSOLVENCY RULES 1986
BETWEEN: P C G FLOWERS LIMITED Applicant
- and -
PAUL BAYLISS Respondent
NOTICE
OF ADMINISTRATION ORDER
Registered Number 62067. Nature of Business: Flower Importers / Wholesalers. Trade Classification: Division 3 - 15. Administration Order made Monday, 20th day of September, 1993. Paul Bayliss - Messrs Bayliss & Co, 25 Lordswood Road, Harborne, B17 9RP Administrator.

PUBLIC NOTICES

COMPLAINT FROM MRS JANET GREGSTEN

SUMMARY OF ADJUDICATION

The Broadcasting Complaints Commission have considered a complaint from a murder victim's widow about a programme in Channel 4's *TRUE STORIES* series shown last April. The programme examined events surrounding the murder of Michael Gregsten in 1961 and the subsequent hanging of James Hanratty for the crime. During its investigation the programme referred to the fact that, following Hanratty's trial, two newspapers had reported an "inexplicable earlier event". Shortly after the murder, when there were no suspects, Janet Gregsten, the dead man's widow, was said to have intuitively identified Hanratty as the murderer. Mrs Gregsten complained to the Commission that the programme had been unfair to her as it had included this allegation, which she maintained was false, but had failed to include the denial of the story which she had given the programme-makers.

Although Mrs Gregsten declined to take part in a filmed interview for the programme, the Commission accept that the programme-makers did all they could to pursuade her to do so. The meeting which actually took place between Mrs Gregsten and the programme-makers was off-the-record. It is therefore understandable that the programme-makers felt unable to quote from it and the Commission do not find it unfair that the programme did not actually use Mrs Gregsten's denial of the story. They do however find a degree of unfairness in the way the programme described Mrs Gregsten's supposed identification of Hanratty as the murderer of her husband without making it absolutely clear that the story was open to doubt.

You can get a copy of the full adjudication by writing to the Commission, who consider complaints of unfairness and infringement of privacy. Please send a stamped addressed envelope to: Broadcasting Complaints Commission, PO Box 333, London SW1W 0BQ. 30 July 1993

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Public sector output deals may backfire on the Chancellor

Philip Bassett says the unions see Mr Clarke's new policy on public sector wages as a good opportunity to increase pay, not a restriction

Chancellor Kenneth Clarke today faces the severest test of his efforts to restrain public sector pay when leaders of 48,000 firefighters meet employers — and afterwards signal their intention to ballot their members on the UK's first national fire strike for 15 years.

Technically, the firefighters' argument is with the government's 1.5 per cent pay ceiling for all 5.5 million public sector employees rather than the pay bill freeze to follow it that Mr Clarke announced last week. But as TUC leaders acknowledged this week in their measured and careful response to the new pay restraint, the two are being rolled up by the firefighters' potential strike — and no other pay bargaining group will get in the way while the Fire Brigades Union and the government lock horns for the first time since 1977.

In the wake of the histrionic union reaction to Mr Clarke's move — foolishly promulgated by some unions, and given credence by some journalists — the unions are now looking much more thoughtfully at what the new policy will be. "It will be an intelligent response," says Jack Dromey, public services national secretary of the TGWU transport union. "We didn't come down with the last rainfall."

Employers across the public sector, too, are considering what room the paybill freeze — successfully first opposed by Howard Davies, director-general of the Confederation of British Industry — will give for pay rises that the crude 1.5 per cent ceiling will not. Some Treasury officials are worried that the new policy will prove to be expensive because local employers in involved government departments, the health service, local government and schools will have the freedom to reach new deals based on improved productivity and efficiency.

The Treasury is always nervous when any measure of financial control passes from its hands, but in this case it may have cause. Public sector union officials who carry out negotiations with employers — as opposed to their union members, who often don't — are now taking a more sophisticated approach to Mr Clarke's policy: seeing it not as a restriction, but as an opportunity.

What scope is there in the public sector for productivity deals? Frank Watson, Labour's employment spokesman, is scathingly dismissive. "How does a firefighter increase his productivity?" he asks. "Go round lighting a few fires and putting them out again?" But Mike Cann, who will be leading the employers' side in today's talks, is more willing to see the argument. In the past 10 years, he says, calls to fire brigades have risen by more than 70 per cent while staffing levels have gone down only 2 per cent: "By that very crude measure, they have had an enormous improvement in productivity."

Crude or not, it will be by such measures that detailed union negotiations will test the validity of Mr Clarke's plan for public sector pay — crucial to the government getting control of its deficit problems, since public sector pay accounts for 60 per cent of all current public spending. Productivity deals have long been a private sector feature. In the 60s and 70s, employers and employees colluded in them to ease their way round government pay policy. In the harder markets of the 1980s and beyond, they have become vehicles for genuinely improved efficiency.

But unlike manufacturing, where greater output can be easily measured, productivity in the service sector is difficult to guage. The trading parts of the public sector — these days, not much more than British Coal and British Rail — are long familiar with (sometimes bogus) productivity deals, but fierce competition in energy and transport will act as the discipline for real efficiency improvements giving pay rises under Mr Clarke's plan.

Particularly in the civil service, the government has always kept money generated from efficiency improvements off limits — pushing it back into the exchequer rather than distributing some of its benefits to the staff who generated it. Treasury officials acknowledge privately that Mr Clarke's move opens this Pandora's box for the first time to employee negotiation.

John Major's citizen's charter — itself an attempt to both measure and improve public service productivity — has provided some unprecedented indicators which union negotiations will now try to exploit on pay. Virginia Bottomley's health department, for instance, achieved efficiency savings of 2.2 per cent in 1991-92, and has a 1992-93 target of 2 per cent improvements.

David Hunt's employment department improved efficiency by 1.9 per cent in 91-92, is anticipating a further gain of 3.3 per cent in 92-93 and targets a further 3 per cent improvement in 93-94. Under Mr Clarke's CBI-derived proposals, unions will argue that such improvements warrant extra pay.

Elsewhere, the scope for pay rises may be larger than the "Government pay freeze" headlines suggested. Health service managers, for instance, talk of the NHS having made efficiency gains this year of 5.6 per cent. Eric Caines, former NHS personnel head, claims the health service could lose a fifth of its staff — 180,000 jobs — without patient care being affected.

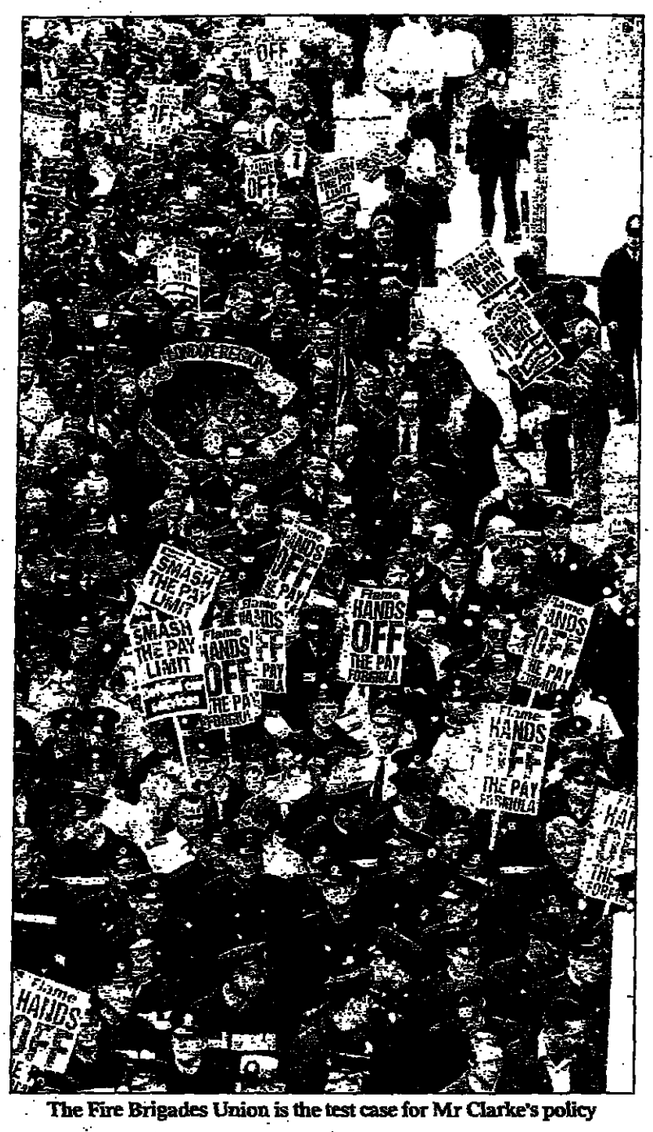
"We know what 'productivity' means," said one disenchanted local government union official. "It means more of our members losing jobs." In the labour-intensive service sector, where productivity cannot be hugely affected as it can in the manufacturing sector by capital investment in new plant and machinery, productivity usually has meant fewer jobs — but then, unions have been traditionally willing to go along with that if it means more pay for members kept on. Over the lifetime of the Conservative government, more than 1.6 million public sector jobs have been lost.

Calculations by *The Times* on figures from the Treasury show over the period 1979-92, 373,000 jobs have gone in central government — including 228,000 in the NHS and local authorities have lost 147,000 jobs. Employment has risen in social services (up 66,000, to 410,000) and the police (up 28,000 to 204,000). Even given the effects of unemployment, private sector employment has risen over the period by 1.3million, or 7.2 per cent. At the same time as private sector jobs have grown while those in the public sector have gone, public and private sector pay have largely kept pace, with public sector pay tending to feel the effect of the two recessions in the period more slowly than the private sector.

Clearly, much of this employment change is due to privatisation. Nationalised industry employment fell over the period by 1.37 million, or 74.2 per cent, as organisations went back into the private sector. Some argue that this makes comparisons of public and private sector job losses bogus. A new study to be published this month by the European Policy Forum will argue it is all just headcount movement — though having pressed for privatisation, it is difficult for such bodies to then try to dismiss its employment effects as little more than statistical manipulation.

Bodies such as the Institute of Directors point to the subsequent job losses in the privatised industries as clear indicators of how overmanned the public sector still is. British Gas jobs are down 17 per cent since privatisation, National Power and PowerGen 20 per cent, British Steel 28 per cent and BT 32 per cent — many with more losses to come. Mr Clarke's private-sector style productivity bargaining could lead to sizable pay rises based on such numbers — in addition to those generated via performance-pay systems the government is keen to introduce as far as possible in the public sector, and which are — as they were under the 1.5 per cent policy — likely to be exempt from the new proposals.

Today and in the coming weeks of their strike ballot, the firefighters will provide the sound and the fury to accompany Mr Clarke's restraint — and there remains a real prospect of industrial action. But behind that, the small print of Mr Clarke's new policy is being studied hard — and it is the outcome of that which is likely to determine its eventual public spending and political success or failure.



The Fire Brigades Union is the test case for Mr Clarke's policy

TEMPUS

Cut-price bubbly

GUINNESS has lost much its sparkle since the champagne days four years ago when it first linked with LVMH and profit growth seemed unstoppable. Recession held back whisky volumes and prices, while the group's disastrous Spanish brewing adventure has shown its acquisitive instincts as fallible as any other company's. The end of the group's pension holiday, which will cut profits by £30 million, is another sign that the party is over.

The spirits industry is not likely to recover with any speed. Group sales are rising in America as the economy improves, but this is more than offset by the decline in continental Europe, where volumes are falling and drinkers are trading down. The sharp contraction in the imported whisky market in Japan, where margins are so generous, is also worrying. So far Guinness has felt no pain, thanks to the strong yen and a rising market share, but it is unlikely to escape for ever.

That said, Guinness and its French partner still form the most powerful spirits combine in the world. Guinness's debts look high, but the cash generated by its spirits business makes them easily supportable and even permits acquisitions like Desnoes & Geddes to complete its global reach. While profits will be at best stagnant this year and next, Guinness's market position remains unweakened, and the market will turn eventually.

At the beginning of 1991, the p/e ratio on Guinness shares stood at a frothy 60 per cent premium to the market. The group's slowdown, and the end of the market's love affair with brands has reversed this to a discount approaching 30 per cent. At that price they begin to look cheap, even without the sparkle.

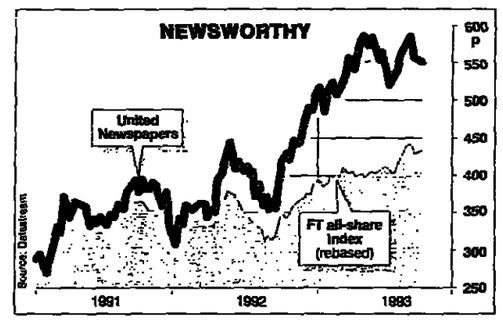
United News.

LORD Stevens of Ludgate's passionate pursuit of Extel was not the most misguided corporate adventure of the eighties, but its consequences have been expensive enough for United Newspapers.

For the £250 million it paid in 1987, United bought a financial information service that had no relevance to the rest of its activities, a City printing business it promptly sold, a racing wire operation which was facing obsolescence with the advent of satellite television, and the Tolleys and Benn business publications. United hopes to receive at least £60 million for Extel, and the business publications are possibly worth the same again. In all the group has made a loss of perhaps £100 million on the episode, plus interest costs.

This should not detract from the impressive performance of United's on-going businesses. Operating margins have slipped almost 2 percentage points on magazines and advertising periodicals, but only after a prolonged downturn in advertising.

If Extel fetches the price United hopes, debts should be under £20 million by year end, leaving the group looking distinctly ungeared. Unless it can find some decent acquisitions, the combination of the rights issue and disposal will depress earnings per share this year and next. A bid for Blenheim Group, for example, is not beyond United's scope. It would surely be a better fit, and perhaps better value, than Extel proved.



Oil

THERE was a touch of desperation in the recent bounce in oil prices, attributed to fears or hopes that civil war in Russia might cut off Siberian supplies. The spot price of Brent crude recovered sharply after plunging to $15.40 but is once again threatening to slide under $16. Downward pressure stems from anxiety over this weekend's Opec meeting when members will try to present a united front in the face of weakening demand in Europe and Japan, persistent breaches of production quotas and the threat of Iraqi oil exports resuming.

Opec needs to agree new production quotas that accommodate demands for a bigger slice of the cake from Nigeria and Iran as well as Kuwait. The biggest producer, Saudi Arabia, is keen to keep a lid on Iranian demands but Saudi coffers are not in a state to take on Opec in a price war. Opec production at almost 25 million barrels a day is running well ahead of the agreed ceiling of 23.5 million.

For Opec to be really effective it needs to use its combined resources to shut down surplus wells with compensation for poorer states. But the Gulf war has weakened the Saudis, the most likely funders of such a scheme. Opec may announce a face-saving formula this weekend but, without real agreement on quotas, it will look like a collection of fair-weather friends.

Geest

THE banana glut in the first half of this year should be a warning to those who would rely too much on market regulation. But Geest's misfortune can be placed squarely on bad timing. Latin American producers scrambled to sell their production into Europe ahead of new EC rules aimed at protecting bananas from Africa and the Caribbean. These have hit US banana giants who have seen their share of the European market tumble with cuts in their quotas for "dollar" bananas. Companies like Geest are picking up licences to import the cheaper Latin American fruit.

Better banana prices in the second half, now back to DM25 per box from a low of DM14 in the spring, will not be enough to restore Geest's full year profits to last year's £20 million, but the market has effectively written off 1993. The company's heavy investment in prepared foods in the UK should pay in 1994 while the protected Eurobanana could send profits heading for £30 million next year.

Laura Ashley

DIXONS may have rid itself of its American nightmare but other British retailers are still wallowing in transatlantic misery. Laura Ashley's distinctive products are popular in America, but its stock control previously left much to be desired and the problems are lingering. Ashley should have learnt from others and not have so rashly predicted earlier that it would come into profits in the second half in America. Perhaps it should learn from others and look at cutting its exposure to the US market. Ashley has sales of £247 million a year, yet is barely profitable. That is unacceptable in any country.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

...iping the ...ater clean

...t is off to the Bahamas for ...ony Nelson, economic ...tary to the Treasury and ...another of N M Roths...l's political offspring. Nel... who is due to speak at the ...monwealth Finance Min...s' Conference, has an ...irable track record to fall ...on. But nowhere in his ...nguished *Who's Who* en... there any reference to his ... at Slater Walker, the ...tment group that fell ...n to the 1974 financial ... and some claim helped ... the way for. Why the ...esty? In July 1973, the *...ncial Times* described ...n, then 25, as the bearer ... a classic young Tory ...ree: ex-Harrow, Cam...e and N M Rothschild ...nd working for SW on ...pean property and in...ent banking." Three ... later, the *Daily Mail* ...d him as "MP for Chich... and trendy whizz-kid of ...Slater Walker financial ...e" — before reporting ...he had advised Prince ...es to join a union and get ...in a factory.

...pel's rival

... than two weeks after ...s Capel began making ...ets in investment trusts, ...t Lyonnais Laing has ... on George Colmer from ... and Angelo Sofoclous ... NatWest Markets to ...a rival operation, start... ...n Monday. Nearly 100 ...ands attended a preview ... this week, among them ... Gilbert of Fleming Pri... ...sset Management, alias "Gypsy Jack", who is retiring after 25 years in the market. He began his career with Montagu Loebl Stanley in 1968. Now Gilbert, 55, plans to spend more time in Spain. "I am really quite sad to see him go," says John Roberts, head of compliance, who gave him his first job all those years ago.

DINERS at the Savoy Grill this week were surprised to spot Norman Lamont enjoying a very public lunch with John Jay, City editor of the Sunday Telegraph. The former Chancellor had been expected to avoid the press after a few frosty words from N M Rothschild, perturbed by his frequent outbursts; but the advice appears to have had little effect. Expect more ramblings this weekend.

Cut up

EMBARRASSING scenes in Sheffield, synonymous with fine cutlery, at a reception hosted by the local chamber of commerce. Dignitaries included Bryon Upton, director of cutler Richardson Sheffield and vice-president of the chamber, which has long campaigned against cheap utensils from the Far East. All went well until Upton glanced down at his knife and fork and saw they were made in Korea. He later presented the caterers with a set of Sheffield's finest ... and the imposters have gone out with the rubbish.



"If I get the job, how long before I get the pay-off?"

EC digits

THE boys in Brussels have done it again. A new EC directive designating 112 as the single common emergency number for Europe has resulted in police raids on Ernst & Young's Fetter Lane office in London. Dialling 112 internally connects callers to the VAT department's fax machine, but some miscreants have accidently been tapping in the digits on an outside line, triggering chaos. One week alone saw 12 such police alerts.

Your shout, Ted

SOMETHING of a milestone is reached, this weekend, when David Thorpe of Kleinwort Benson, otherwise known as "Tannoy Ted" after his ringing tones, treats his wife, Margaret, to a celebratory 50th birthday lunch at a secret venue outside London. The occasion is timely, since Thorpe began his career with Grieveson Grant 35 years ago this month and is also celebrating a quarter of a century as a Stock Exchange member. Colleagues are looking forward to a round of drinks.

JON ASHWORTH

BUSINESS LETTERS

No bias meant in CBI pension study

From the Deputy Director-General, CBI

Sir, Graham Searjeant's piece on the CBI's pensions survey (September 15) contained some pretty strong language; I hope that those who read it were able to get beyond this and understand what the CBI was really trying to do. Equalisation of the state pension age is a big question that can't be ducked for much longer.

The business view — that we should equalise at 65 — has been well known for some time. The CBI survey, which we asked Gallup to carry out, was an attempt to measure what employees, as opposed to employers, thought: should the decision be to equalise at 65, or at 60? Put as baldly as that, there's perhaps not too much doubt about the likely answer. But it might not be a well-informed answer. So, wisely or unwisely, we attempted to include in the question some indication of the fuller implications of the choice. Sixty, after all, is not a cost-free option. The survey may have over-simplified a complicated subject, but it certainly did not set out to load the dice. That would have been to defeat the whole purpose of the exercise.

Mr Searjeant is right that there are other ages, apart from 60 and 65, on which to equalise. He mentions 63, calculated to be fiscally neutral. Another possibility is 67, chosen by some countries with similar demographic profiles to our own who are concerned about the cost burdens that would otherwise be carried by working populations that are shrinking in relation to those who have retired.

Mr Searjeant reminded us, too, of the concept of a flexible decade of retirement. No reminder was needed. This has been the CBI's stated objective for a long time — as it happens, for all but a decade. It is, of course, the obvious and sensible way forward. Unfortunately, however you look at it, it's difficult to see how to get there without first taking a decision about equalisation of the "normal" age of access to state pensions.

Yours faithfully,
RICHARD PRICE
Deputy Director-General,
Confederation of British Industry, Centre Point,
103 New Oxford Street, WC1.

Pros and cons of stop loss cover for names

From Mr Chris Dudley

Sir, Michael Wood is correct to say that stop loss insurance could have saved some names (at the expense of others!) and it would appear that it did.

However, if all names had been stop lossed at Lloyd's for the 1989 and 1990 accounts then the stop lossed portions would (under this version of the spiral) have ended up only with those names unfortunate enough to have been involved with syndicates writing stop loss protections — Sturge 206 for example.

If the market hadn't provided stop loss protection the overall market loss would have been smaller and professional underwriters less inclined to underwrite unprofitable business.

As an alternative strategy, Mr Wood might consider only joining syndicates where the underwriter has all, or most, of his personal capacity on his own syndicate without benefit of stop loss protection.

Yours faithfully,
CHRIS DUDLEY,
The "Green" Swan Inn,
Stones Green,
Harwich, Essex.

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Brit O'seas	260.80	274.50	-4.70	1.26
Capital Gwth	105.60	113.70	..	2.40
Worldwide Opps	162.90	171.30	..	0.54
BARCLAYS UNICORN LTD				
Gredley Hse. 1-11 Broadway. London E15				
081 534 5544				
Capital	111.20	118.90	+1.30	2.8?
Euro Gth Inc	124.80	132.50†	+1.90	0.04
Extra Inc	115.10	123.10	+0.40	4.23
General	255.40	273.20†	-3.80	2.81
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.96	63.03†	-0.14	8.02
Income	517.60	553.60	-4.70	4.09
BARING FUND MANAGERS				
PO Box 156. Beckenham, Kent BR3 4XQ				
081 658 9002				
American Gth	94.20	99.98	-1.49	0.10
Amer Smllr Cos	127.30	136.20	-1.90	..
Convertibles	56.60	60.53†	-0.06	7.00
Eastern	201.70	217.20	+1.10	1.60
Equity Income	88.94	94.61	-0.36	6.20
European Gth	255.20	271.30	-2.90	1.50
Europe	168.20	180.00	-1.60	1.50
Exempt	86.67	89.01	..	3.50
German Growth	68.62	73.02	-0.83	0.70
Global Growth	113.60	121.30	-1.00	..
Japan Growth	203.00	217.30	-0.30	..
Japan Sunrise	180.00	192.50	-0.20	...
Portfolio	125.10	133.70†	-0.70	3.30
-do- Acc	324.90	240.40	-1.30	3.30
UK Growth	89.12	94.90	-0.43	2.80
UK Smaller Cos	90.91	97.22	-0.08	1.90
Select Managers	68.40	73.13	-0.29	2.00
BRITANNIA LIFE UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
140 West George St. Glasgow G2 2PA				
041 332 3132				
Britn Gth Acc	110.76	118.46	+0.71	1.54
-do- Inc	100.69	107.69	-0.65	1.54
Global Bond	30.58	32.44	-0.07	5.00
High Yield Acc	58.62	62.69	-0.32	2.96
-do- Inc	42.09	45.01	-0.23	2.96
Smllr Cos Acc	102.89	110.04	-0.42	1.25
-do- Inc	94.57	101.14	-0.38	1.25
Amer Gth Acc	63.15	67.54	-1.31	..
-do- Inc	61.95	66.29†	-1.29	..
Euro Gth Acc	112.51	120.33	+1.09	0.81
-do- Inc	110.21	117.87†	+1.07	0.81
Mngd P folio	38.35	41.02†	-0.36	1.39
Pacific Growth	109.52	117.13	+0.79	0.02
Intl Spec Opps	98.51	105.36	+1.19	1.06
BROWN SHIPLEY				
9/17 Perrymount Rd. Haywards Heath				
0444 458144				
Financial	139.90	149.00†	+1.80	2.91
Smaller Cos Acc	326.00	352.10	+0.20	..
Smaller Cos Inc	189.60	204.80	+0.10	1.06
High Inc	76.64	82.06†	+0.36	6.39
Income	136.80	146.40	+0.90	3.76
Mngd P folio Inc	97.99	104.40	+0.50	1.90
-do- Acc	186.50	198.60	+0.90	..
North American	107.20	114.10	-1.10	0.19
Orient	134.90	145.40	+0.70	..
Recovery	45.09	48.47	-0.02	2.31
German	45.98	49.28	-0.66	0.08
Intl Growth	36.45	38.82	-0.27	0.20
European Inc	23.55	25.33†	+0.15	0.45
BURRAGE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
117 Fenchurch St. London EC3M 5AL				
071 480 7246				
Sht Gilt Fxd Int	68.02	68.95	+0.01	5.06
CIS UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
PO Box 105. Manchester M60 0AH				
061 837 5060				
Environ	142.50	151.60	+0.90	1.63
UK Growth	154.70	164.60†	+1.70	2.10
UK Income	131.70	140.20	+0.70	4.01
CANNON LINCOLN FUND MANAGERS				
1 Olympic Way, Wembley, Middx HA9 0NB				
081 902 8876				
SE Asia	96.02	102.70	+0.80	0.80
Growth	46.54	49.78	+0.36	2.81
Income	57.91	61.94	+0.31	3.83
Far East	51.17	54.73	+0.09	..
North American	93.59	100.60	+2.56	..
Global	92.23	98.64	+1.25	0.16
European	77.48	82.74	+0.90	0.63
Japan	117.70	125.90	+0.40	0.01
Intl Currency Bd	61.71	65.29	+0.07	5.82
UK Cap Gwth	85.04	90.95†	+0.29	1.85
CAPEL-CURE MYERS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
35 Fountain Street, Manchester M2 2AF				
Enquiries: 061 236 5685 Dealing: 061 236 5362				
Capability Trusts				
American Gen	135.80	144.50†	-1.30	0.10
-do- Acc	144.40	153.70	-1.30	0.10
European	70.63	74.86†	+0.66	0.63
-do- Acc	73.09	78.10	-0.69	0.67
Far East Gen	66.93	71.21	-0.04	..
-do- Acc	66.93	71.21	-0.04	..
Smaller Cos	71.23	75.78†	-0.07	1.72
-do- Acc	80.42	85.56	+0.08	1.72
Growth	398.20	425.90†	+1.00	2.19
-do- Acc	690.30	738.30	+2.70	2.19
Income Growth	399.70	425.50	+3.70	3.55
-do- Acc	543.40	578.10	+7.70	3.53
Master Portfolio	10034.0	10412.0	+48.00	2.14
-do- Acc	11688.0	12129.0	+56.00	2.14
Special Sits	92.39	98.29	+1.54	2.09
-do- Acc	109.21	116.19	+1.82	2.09
Exempt Fund				
High Yield	1298.0	1339.0	+9.00	4.01
-do- Acc	1532.0	1580.0	+11.00	4.01
CAPEL (JAMES) UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
7 Devonshire Square. London EC2M 4HU				
071 955 5050. Dealing 071 955 5055				
American Index	190.90	206.70	+1.80	1.60
Capital	566.90	603.40	+2.20	2.22
Eurotrack 100	141.60	150.80	+0.30	1.37
Euro Gth	90.14	96.09	+0.15	0.86
Far East Growth	98.12	104.70	+0.60	..
Global Bond	23.99	25.30	-0.13	5.91
Hong Kong	87.99	93.51	+1.35	0.64
Income	545.30	582.00	+3.10	3.76
Intl Growth	76.29	81.42	-0.29	0.17
Japan Growth	287.40	306.70	-0.40	..
Japan Smllr Cos	37.11	39.60	-0.05	..
Japan Index	82.41	87.95	-0.13	0.24
Nth American	441.80	471.50	-1.50	0.17
S pore Mly Gth	56.55	60.96	+1.23	..
The Fontsie Fd	112.30	118.60	+0.20	2.60
Tiger Index	158.10	168.70†	+1.90	0.58
Trade Index	111.40	118.90†	+0.20	2.12
UK Index	129.70	138.40	+0.20	2.57
CAZENOVE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 Copthall Avenue. London EC2R 7BH				
071 606 0708				
American P folio	87.45	93.41	+1.12	1.04
European P folio	79.64	85.14	+0.54	0.90
Japanese P folio	69.84	74.24	+0.17	..
Pacific P folio	114.01	122.60	+0.76	0.98
Cazenove P folio	76.52	81.85	-0.26	2.49
UK Income Gth	69.78	74.84	+0.05	4.28
Utility & Bond	55.92	56.70	-0.15	7.00
CENTRAL BOARD OF FINANCE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND				
2 Fore Street. London EC2Y 5AQ				
071 588 1815				
Investment Fd	654.95	658.15	..	4.53
Fixed Int	165.45	165.90	..	8.75
Deposit	5.60		...	..
CHARITIES OFFICIAL INVESTMENT FUND				
2 Fore Street. London EC2Y 5AQ				
071 588 1815				
Income	647.06	654.98	..	4.57
-do- Acc	2595.0	2627.0	..	..
Deposit	5.60		..	..
Fxd Int Inc	134.35	134.69	..	8.61
-do- Acc	184.65	185.12	..	
CITY FINANCIAL UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
1 White Hart Yard. London Bridge. SE1				
071 407 5966				
City Fin Assets	66.60	70.17	...	2.15
Beckman Intl	89.39	94.37	...	2.81
Friars Hse Inc	190.90	200.99	...	5.70
Friars Hse Cap	259.43	278.96	...	2.61
COMMERCIAL UNION TRUST MANAGERS				
Exchange Court, 3 Bedford Park, Croydon CR0 2AQ. Enquiries: 081 681 2222				
Dealing: 081 686 9818				
PRESTIGE PORTFOLIO (PPT FUNDS)				
Income Funds				
Equity Income	152.68	162.04	+1.41	5.35
Equity Incom Acc	506.15	538.46	+4.65	5.35
Fixed & Convert	43.64	46.43	-0.97	5.71
Fixed & Conv Acc	116.81	124.27	-2.64	5.71
Monthly Income	51.47	54.75	+0.01	7.40
Preference	50.84	54.09	-0.06	7.16
Preference Acc	266.09	283.07	-0.33	7.16
Balanced Funds				
High Yield	126.78	134.87	+1.03	5.48
High Yield Acc	487.46	518.57	+3.98	5.48
Managed Fund	65.56	69.74	+0.36	2.81
Managed Fd Acc	80.07	85.18	+0.44	2.81
UK Growth Funds				
Smaller Cos	40.54	43.13	+0.04	1.90
Smaller Cos Acc	46.01	48.95	+0.05	1.90
UK & General	72.32	76.94	+0.42	2.97
UK & General Acc	87.77	93.37	+0.50	2.97
UK Growth	124.15	132.07	+0.68	1.68
International Growth Funds				
Europe Growth	167.29	177.97	+2.07	...
Far East Growth	115.84	123.23	+0.91	0.34
Global Bond	87.48	92.96	-0.04	5.86
Gold & Comm	54.20	57.66	-0.87	...
Japan Growth	123.98	131.89	-0.01	...
North American	152.94	162.70	-1.68	..
Oriental Growth	61.65	66.01	+0.79	...
W'wide Growth	61.05	65.29	-0.50	0.36
-do- Acc	63.68	68.11	-0.52	0.36
OTHER CU TRUSTS (NON PPT FUNDS)				
Deposit Fund	93.34	93.34	+0.01	5.00
Deposit Fund Acc	93.34	93.34	+0.01	5.00
Quilter Fund	128.35	136.54†	+1.06	2.55
Quilter Fund Acc	143.99	153.18	+1.18	2.55
CREDIT SUISSE INVESTMENT FUNDS (UK) LTD				
Beaufort House, 15 St Botolph Street, London EC3A 7JJ. 071 247 4542 Dealing: 071 247 7474				
Fellowship Tst	64.17	68.27†	..	1.92
-do- Acc	72.82	77.47	..	1.92
Income Fund 5	225.90	240.40	..	3.92
-do- Acc	525.70	559.30	..	3.92
Inv Portfolio	69.49	72.02	...	2.08
-do- Acc	79.18	82.06	...	2.08
Smaller Cos	136.60	145.40	...	1.31
-do- Acc	165.30	175.90	..	1.31
High Inc P folio	64.46	66.80	..	4.26
EAGLE STAR UNIT MANAGERS				
Bath Road, Cheltenham GL53 7LQ				
0242 577 555				
Oriental Op Acc	92.08	97.96	+0.94	0.81
Japanese Acc	64.92	69.06†	-0.19	...
UK Balncd Inc	132.20	140.60	+0.50	2.45
-do- Acc	155.90	165.90	+0.70	2.45
UK Growth Acc	212.40	226.00	+1.00	1.98
UK High Inc	143.60	152.80	+1.60	5.80
-do- Acc	173.80	184.90	+1.90	5.80
N America Acc	114.30	121.60	-1.20	0.22
European Acc	171.30	182.20†	+1.80	0.53
UK Pref F/I Inc	62.22	66.00	+0.04	6.67
-do- Acc	102.40	108.60	..	6.67
Intl Sp Sits Acc	49.88	53.06†	+0.28	0.21
Environmntl Opp	74.79	79.56	+0.54	1.54
EDINBURGH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Donaldson House, 97 Haymarket Terrace, Edinburgh EH12 5HD. 031 313 1000				
American	115.00	122.30	-1.10	0.41
UK Smllr Cos	219.50	233.20	-0.10	1.07
Eurofund	40.64	43.07	-0.29	0.03
Mngd Exempt	175.40	182.80	-0.08	2.87
Growth Inc	224.60	238.60†	+0.80	3.14
High Dist	154.30	163.90	+0.80	4.58
International	340.30	361.60	+1.60	0.90
Intl Income	86.03	91.84†	+0.45	2.83
Pacific	63.51	67.48	+0.87	0.44
Smllr Jap Cos	77.49	82.33	+0.02	..
Tokyo	214.60	228.00†	+0.40	..
Japan Exempt	121.70	125.00	-2.10	0.40
Sm Jap Exempt	613.00	629.30	-17.00	0.08
Equity Income	128.20	136.20†	-0.60	7.67
Formerly Target				
Euro Spec Sits	151.10	160.10	+0.80	0.47
Financial	44.89	47.70†	+0.31	2.51
Global Opps Inc	93.29	99.10	+0.73	1.01
-do- Acc	96.67	102.70	+0.70	1.01
Gold Gen Inc	47.83	50.82	-0.91	0.59
-do- Acc	91.80	97.54	-1.75	0.59
Japan General	166.90	177.30	+0.10	...
Preference	23.96	25.46	+0.06	7.14
Worldwide Cap	208.10	221.10	-3.10	1.81
World Income	90.96	96.65	-0.45	3.09
ENDURANCE FUND MANAGEMENT				
41 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JU				
071 373 7261				
Endurance	186.00	197.90	+1.10	0.90
EQUITABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Walton St, Aylesbury, Bucks. HP21 7QW				
0296 431480				
Pelican	111.16	117.01	+0.12	3.28
High Income	130.04	136.88	+0.26	4.55
Tst of Inv Tsts	164.17	172.81†	-0.29	2.17
Special Sits	86.84	90.94†	+0.08	2.12
North American	107.36	113.01†	-2.00	1.07
Far Eastern	267.25	281.32	+4.48	1.41
Intl Growth	100.12	105.39	+0.74	1.41
European	69.16	72.80	-0.22	1.92
Smaller Cos	73.08	76.93	-0.06	1.92
FAMILY INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
16 West Street, Brighton. BN1 2RE				
0273 220 707				
United Charities	239.30	254.50	..	3.84
FIDELITY INVESTMENT SERVICES LTD				
Oakhill House, 130 Tonbridge Rd. Tonbridge TN11 9DZ. 0800 414181				
Cash Unit Tst	100.00	100.00	...	5.40
European Tst	143.50	152.60	+2.10	..
High Income	27.16	28.59†	+0.04	5.75
FOREIGN & COLONIAL				
5th Floor, Exchange Hse. Primrose St. London EC2A 2NY. 071 628 8000				
European	101.50	107.20†	-1.10	0.52
Far Eastern	145.40	155.90	+0.60	..
High Income	23.78	25.32	-0.09	10.00
Oseas Income	93.68	100.00	-0.30	3.01
UK Growth	100.90	107.90†	-0.50	0.79
UK Income	107.80	115.30	-0.80	5.20
US Smaller Cos	277.10	296.40	-1.10	..
FRAMLINGTON UNIT MANAGEMENT				
155 Bishopsgate. London EC2M 3FT				
071 374 4100				
Amer Gth	50.61	53.77	+0.52	..
-do- Acc	50.61	53.77	+0.52	..
Am Smllr Co	449.10	480.20	+3.50	..
-do- Acc	458.80	490.60	+3.60	..
Capital	299.40	318.40	..	1.58
-do- Acc	420.90	447.70	-0.10	1.58
Contl Smllr Cos	50.59	54.39	+0.19	0.86
-do- Acc	52.88	56.86	+0.20	0.86
Convertible	127.20	135.20	-0.20	5.36
-do- Acc	241.30	256.60	+0.30	5.36
Emg Mark	59.65	63.72	+0.31	...
-do- Acc	59.65	63.72	-0.31	...
European	104.50	111.60	-1.30	0.62
-do- Acc	109.00	116.30	-1.30	0.62
Extra Income	316.60	336.70	-1.90	3.66
-do- Acc	453.30	482.10	-2.60	3.66
Financial	117.10	125.30	+0.80	0.17
-do- Acc	122.60	131.10	+0.70	0.17
Gilt Gth Tst	67.90	70.01	+0.17	5.78
-do- Acc	87.73	90.46	+0.22	5.78
Health Fund Inc	130.50	138.70	+1.70	..
-do- Acc	130.50	138.70	+1.70	..
Income Tst	192.00	204.20	-1.20	3.50
-do- Acc	372.10	399.40	-1.70	3.50
Intl Growth	338.20	361.30	+2.80	..
-do- Acc	375.60	401.20	+3.10	..
Japan Gen	192.50	205.70	-0.70	...
-do- Acc	194.40	207.40	-0.80	...
Mngd P folio Inc	97.00	102.10	+0.40	0.81
-do- Acc	102.00	107.30	+0.40	0.81
Monthly Income	163.60	174.00	+0.80	3.64
Qrtly Inc	53.19	56.57	-0.27	5.36
-do- Acc	53.94	57.37	+0.27	5.36
Recovery	313.10	334.80	+1.00	0.33
-do- Acc	367.80	393.30	+1.10	0.33
UK Growth	48.76	52.12	-0.03	2.42
-do- Acc	48.76	52.12	-0.03	2.42
FRIENDS PROVIDENT MANAGERS				
Castle Street, Salisbury, Wilts. SP1 3SH				
Dealing: 0722 411411				
Administration: 0722 411622				
Equity Dist	366.75	390.16	+3.17	2.90
-do- Acc	748.91	796.71	+6.47	2.90
Euro Gth Dist	117.13	124.61†	+1.33	0.66
-do- Acc	121.65	129.42†	+1.39	0.66
Fixed Int Dist	137.29	145.22†	-0.03	5.88
-do- Acc	224.94	248.51†	-0.06	5.88
Intl Gth Dist	82.17	87.41	+0.77	0.59
-do- Acc	85.30	90.75	+0.80	0.59
Nth Amer Dist	174.02	184.34	-0.96	0.74
-do- Acc	189.66	200.91	-0.93	0.74
Pac Basin Dist	264.08	280.94	+2.77	0.01
-do- Acc	269.13	286.31	+2.83	0.01
Stewardship Dist	317.88	338.17	+0.48	2.01
-do- Acc	379.04	403.23	+0.58	2.01
Stwd Inc Dist	68.85	73.24†	+0.03	3.30
-do- Acc	85.77	91.24†	+0.03	3.30
N Am Stwd Dist	99.51	105.86	+0.90	...
-do- Acc	105.26	111.98	+0.95	..
GT UNIT MANAGERS				
Alban Gate, 14th Flr. 125 London Wall, Lond EC2Y 5AS. 071 710 4567				
Dealing: 071 626 9431				
Am Sp Sits	138.40	148.10	+1.00	
European	450.90	479.60	+5.90	0.88
Far East General	245.70	262.70	+1.10	0.27
Germany	111.40	118.00	+1.10	0.39
Global Assets In	76.48	81.56	+0.91	1.98
Global Assets Ac	80.87	86.24	+0.96	1.98
Income Inc	137.60	147.20†	+1.20	3.99
International	305.50	326.40	+1.90	0.86
Intl Income	82.11	87.19	+0.63	4.57
Japan General	401.20	426.60	..	..
Smllr Cos Div	49.96	53.44	+0.17	6.06
UK Capital Inc	176.80	189.10	+0.70	3.97
-do- Acc	205.00	226.20	-1.30	3.97
UK Spec Sits	82.83	88.59	-0.10	1.43
US General	124.30	132.60	+1.60	0.10
W wide Spec Sits	137.20	146.30	+0.60	0.09
GARTMORE FUND MANAGERS				
Gartmore House, 16/18 Monument Street, London EC3R 8AJ. 071 623 1212				
Dealing: 0277 264421. Services: 0800 289 336				
UK Growth Funds				
British Growth	47.25	50.53	+0.64	2.10
Cash Trust	130.41	130.41†	+0.01	5.10
Pract Inv Inc	107.59	115.39†	+0.33	3.82
-do- Acc	237.09	254.28†	+0.72	3.82
UK Smaller Cos	111.66	119.74	+0.25	1.65
Income Funds				
Preference Share	27.70	29.63	-0.10	7.90
High Inc	34.31	36.69†	+0.07	4.80
UK Equity Inc	136.96	146.48	+1.45	3.71
Global Bond	30.14	31.23†	..	4.45
International Funds				
Gold Intl	85.67	91.57	-1.28	1.11
Frontier Markets	47.22	50.84	-0.02	0.04
Global Inc Gth	125.75	134.01	-0.29	3.66
UK Intl	126.25	139.03	+0.75	0.88
Overseas Funds				
American	132.04	141.00	+0.62	0.48
European	89.12	94.56	+0.87	0.56
Euro Sel Opps	108.28	115.28†	+1.38	0.63
American Emerg	90.29	96.83	+1.07	...
Hong Kong	123.24	132.16	+2.91	2.10
Japan	279.50	294.40	-0.10	...
Pacific Growth	172.07	184.53	+2.49	0.07
GOVETT (JOHN) UNIT MANAGEMENT				
Shackleton House. 4 Battle Bridge Lane. London SE1 2HR				
071 378 7979				
Dealing: 071 588 0524				
Intl Growth	134.11	143.43	+1.25	0.32
American Gth	134.71	144.08	+2.41	...
European Gth	72.56	77.60	+0.84	0.61
Japan Gth	83.17	88.91	-0.30	...
Greater China	148.39	157.11	+0.29	2.85
Pacific Strategy	135.89	145.33	+1.43	0.30
UK Prog Inc	81.73	85.96†	+0.41	4.69
British Growth	51.39	54.21	+0.44	2.47
UK Small Cos	47.10	50.38	+0.23	1.81
GRE UNIT MANAGERS				
36 Harbour Exchange Square London E14 9GE				
071 538 9668				
Cash	132.00	132.00	...	5.16
Gilt Fixed	129.40	137.30†	-0.10	5.16
Growth Equity	306.80	327.70	+3.40	2.03
Guardhill	448.10	478.70†	+4.20	2.15
Income Trust	117.40	125.40	+1.40	3.32
International	166.70	178.00†	+0.60	0.06
Japan Trust	129.50	138.60	-0.30	...
Nth American	265.50	283.60	+2.60	0.26
Pacific	417.70	446.20	+4.50	..
European	386.10	412.50	-1.20	0.35
HALIFAX STANDARD TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 680, Edinburgh EH15 1EW				
0800 838868				
Global Adv Inc	36.76	38.97†	+0.10	1.35
-do- Acc	38.74	41.07	+0.10	1.35
Inc Adv Inc	30.98	32.84†	-0.10	3.69
-do- Acc	32.79	34.76	-0.10	3.69
HAMBROS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Rd. Hutton. Brentwood. Essex				
Enquiries: 0277 227300				
Dealing: 0277 690390				
Canadian	78.38	83.96	-0.31	0.68
Equity Income	120.90	129.60†	+1.20	3.13
European	142.10	150.50	+1.50	0.90
Intl Situation	79.20	84.26	-0.39	..
Japanese	145.40	154.30	-0.40	..
North American	94.54	100.30	+0.36	0.02
Scandinavian	126.60	134.80†	+2.90	..
Smaller Cos	32.78	34.87	+0.65	1.72
HENDERSON				
PO Box 2157. Kings House. 101-135 Kings Road. Brentwood. Essex CM14 4ET				
Enq: 0277 263290				
Dealing: 0277 234772				
Amer Smaller	96.51	103.16	+1.21	...
Asian Enterprise	142.59	152.48	+1.91	0.33
European	413.71	437.68	+4.10	0.87
European Inc	75.38	79.70†	+0.41	2.72
Euro Sml Co	129.26	136.32	-0.35	0.50
Extra Income	275.10	292.87†	+1.52	4.59
Family of Funds	75.05	80.04	-0.11	0.62
Global Bond	58.31	62.03†	-0.03	6.64
High Inc	311.31	333.32	+1.65	3.71
Income Gth	254.53	271.07	+1.78	3.33
-do- Acc	658.39	701.18	+4.61	3.33
International	242.17	258.62	-1.44	0.60
Japan Spc Sit	254.18	270.52†	...	...
Japan	219.40	233.70	-0.01	...
N Amer	224.10	238.78	+3.02	0.03
Pacific Smllr Cos	208.98	222.20†	+2.71	0.15
Pref Gilt	49.12	52.80	-0.03	7.83
Special Sits	275.37	294.64†	+1.04	1.64
-do- Acc	426.93	456.81	+1.60	1.64
Best of British	58.97	63.08	+0.32	2.25
Henderson TR				
Euro Spec Sits	51.01	54.31	+0.14	0.50
-do- Acc	54.01	57.51	+0.15	0.50
Global Tech	138.88	148.60	+2.90	..
Special Opps	114.79	123.43†	+0.31	1.17
HILL SAMUEL UT MANAGERS				
NLA Tower Addiscombe Road. Croydon				
081 686 4355				
British	91.68	98.05	+0.65	2.13
Capital	160.40	171.50	+1.20	1.82
Dollar	318.60	340.70	+4.20	0.01
European	211.60	226.20	+2.50	0.56
Far East	259.80	277.60	+2.60	0.23
Financial	768.50	821.90†	+5.90	1.82
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	27.36	28.42	-0.01	7.28
High Yield	109.50	117.10	+0.60	4.19
Income	143.60	153.50	+0.90	3.11
Intl	222.90	238.30	+1.80	0.18
Japan Tech	74.16	79.31	+0.05	...
Nat Resources	58.93	63.02	-0.68	0.45
Security	308.70	330.10†	+2.20	1.86
Smaller Cos	119.40	127.70	+0.30	1.12
Special Sits	143.70	153.50†	+0.70	1.54
US Smaller Cos	75.33	80.58	+1.52	...
INVESCO FUND MANAGERS LTD				
11 Devonshire Square. London EC2M 4YR				
071 626 3434.				
Dealing: 0800 010733				
UK Specialist Trusts				
Smaller Cos	27.19	29.06†	+0.11	1.13
Special Features	29.63	31.48†	+0.26	1.67
-do- Acc	35.26	37.46†	+0.30	1.65
General Funds				
UK Growth	56.54	60.42	+0.34	1.77
Assets Earnings	73.90	78.58	+0.57	1.86
do Acc	88.26	93.77	+0.67	1.85
Managed Invest	92.70	98.94	+0.62	1.11
Rupert Children	78.72	83.97	+0.51	2.05
High Income Funds				
Cashbox	50.25	50.25†	+0.01	4.50
Extra Inc	85.64	91.54	+0.21	5.00
Gilt	29.12	30.67	...	6.23
Income Gth	41.09	43.84	+0.30	3.48
MIMstar	80.42	82.20	-0.06	7.59
Preference	18.87	20.04†	+0.02	6.49
UK Income	324.10	346.30†	+2.50	3.19
Sector Specialist Funds				
Fincl Sec	64.10	68.10	+0.47	1.18
Property Shares	71.10	76.65†	+0.08	1.63
Exempt Funds				
Exempt	153.10	160.50	+0.90	4.28
European Acc	124.50	132.00†	+1.60	1.46
European Dist	117.40	124.40†	+1.50	1.46
Overseas Growth Funds				
American Gth	48.93	52.08†	+0.38	1.07
European Perf	125.80	133.40†	+1.70	0.50
-do- Acc	130.10	137.90†	+1.80	0.50
Euro Small Cos	23.99	25.17	+0.28	0.48
French Growth	72.12	76.62	-0.37	0.34
-do- Acc	77.04	81.85	-0.39	0.34
Hong K/China	74.69	79.35	+1.27	1.62
Intl Growth	54.26	57.65	-0.32	0.59
-do- Acc	54.26	57.65	-0.32	0.59
Japan Perf	34.81	36.96	-0.02	..
Accum Units	34.81	36.96	-0.02	..
Japan Smllr Cos	60.15	62.65†	-0.20	..
Singapore Asean	94.07	99.94	+1.53	0.19
-do- Acc	94.69	100.60	+1.49	0.19
South East Asia	257.30	273.90	+3.00	0.55
US Smllr Cos	106.70	113.30	+0.80	...
-do- Acc	107.80	114.50	+0.80	...
Overseas Income Funds				
Global Inc	88.94	94.87	+0.62	2.46
Intl Bond	38.49	39.30†	+0.02	5.97
KLEINWORT BENSON UNIT TRUST LTD				
10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3				
071 956 6600. Dealing: 071 956 7354				
Income Trusts				
Extra Income	55.37	58.90†	+0.36	6.58
Gilt Yield	122.60	128.30†	+0.10	6.97
Global Income	212.90	226.50†	-0.70	3.86
High Yield	142.70	151.80	-0.39	5.49
Smllr Cos Div	53.48	56.89†	+0.02	3.43
Capital Growth Trusts				
Amer Smllr Cos	91.79	97.65	+0.99	...
North American	76.24	81.11	-0.81	0.42
European	139.40	148.30	+0.10	1.51
Euro Special	83.11	88.41	+0.18	1.41
General	272.60	290.00	-1.30	3.08
Japan	453.20	482.10	-0.60	...
Japanese Special	256.10	272.40	-1.90	...
Master Acc	229.40	244.00	+1.40	1.27
Pacific	292.70	311.40	+1.90	0.52
Smaller Cos	109.00	115.90	+3.56	1.46
UK Equity Gth	39.55	42.07†	-0.22	1.66
LAS UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
113 Dundas St. Edinburgh EH3 5EB				
031 550 5151				
European	79.45	84.52	+0.65	0.90
Extra Income	25.10	26.70†	+0.22	3.58
Far East	29.31	31.18†	+0.12	0.28
Income Gwth	75.17	79.97†	+0.74	2.85
Intl Growth	54.01	57.46†	+0.37	0.59
Japan	68.52	72.89	-0.28	...
Maximum Dist*	100.20	102.20	...	6.81
N Amer Equity	38.77	41.24	-0.35	0.35
UK Equity	91.39	97.22	+1.04	2.65
LAURENCE KEEN UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 White Hart Yard, London SE1. 071 407 5966				
Income Gth Inc	54.06	57.51	+0.54	4.35
LEGAL & GENERAL UT MANAGERS				
5 Rayleigh Road, Hutton, Brentwood Essex				
Enq: 0277 227300. Dealing: 0277 690395				
Equity Dist	442.90	471.20†	+2.70	4.62
Equity Acc	854.00	908.50†	+5.30	2.62
Equity Income	98.61	104.90	-0.60	4.27
European	103.20	109.80†	+1.20	1.86
Far Eastern	198.20	210.90†	+1.40	...
Fixed Interest	55.29	58.73†	-0.05	5.94
Gilt	96.68	102.90	...	5.91
Global Growth	71.31	75.86	+0.47	0.45
Intl Bond	57.34	60.92†	+0.02	4.60
Japanese	74.64	79.40	...	...
Overseas Equity	104.40	111.10	-0.70	0.05
Pacific Gth	93.71	99.69†	+1.22	0.46
LLOYDS BANK UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
Mountbatten Hse. Chatham. Kent ME4 4JF				
0634 834313				
Balanced	324.60	345.40	+3.00	2.73
-do- Acc	712.70	758.20	+6.40	2.73
Contl Euro Gth	55.35	58.27	+0.69	1.14
-do- Acc	58.53	61.62	+0.73	1.14
Extra Inc	255.40	271.80	+2.00	3.56
-do- Acc	631.70	672.10	+5.00	3.56
German Gth	113.70	119.70	+0.60	0.03
-do- Acc	119.30	125.60	+0.70	0.03
Growth Port	508.80	541.30†	+3.80	0.55
-do- Acc	512.30	545.10	+3.80	0.55
Income	480.10	510.80	+3.70	3.47
-do- Acc	1232.0	1311.0	+10.00	3.47
Income Port	511.00	543.70	+2.30	4.07
-do- Acc	518.60	551.80	+2.40	4.07
Japan Growth	105.30	112.10	-0.30	0.01
-do- Acc	105.60	112.40	-0.40	0.01
Master Trust	54.52	58.01	+0.46	1.21
-do- Acc	60.03	63.87	+0.51	1.21
N American Gen	188.20	200.30	+2.00	0.01
-do- Acc	217.40	231.30	+2.30	0.01
NAm Sm Co Rec	144.30	153.60	+3.40	0.01
-do- Acc	147.32	158.70	+3.40	0.01
Pacific Basin	222.10	236.30	+3.00	0.70
-do- Acc	234.70	249.70	+3.10	0.70
Small Cos Rec	325.30	342.50	+0.80	2.27
-do- Acc	423.60	445.90	+0.90	2.27
UK Growth	81.86	87.09	+1.95	2.24
-do- Acc	96.44	102.60	+2.20	2.24
Worldwide Gth	294.30	313.00	-0.20	0.27
-do- Acc	433.80	461.50	-0.30	0.27
LONDON & MANCHESTER				
Winslade Park. Exeter EX5 1DS				
0392 282673				
General	81.86	87.83	+0.76	2.70
Income	64.61	69.32†	+0.38	5.00
International	59.26	63.58	+0.40	0.80
American	59.67	64.02	+0.57	0.30
Japan	56.56	60.69†	-0.09	...
Tst of Inv Trusts	62.45	67.01	+0.43	1.70
M & G SECURITIES LTD				
Victoria Rd. Chelmsford CM1 1FB				
Customer Services/Unit Dealing 0245 390390				
American Gen	381.70	403.60	+2.60	0.91
-do- Acc	471.60	498.70	+3.30	0.91
American Rec	419.40	443.50	+2.40	0.13
-do- Acc	480.50	508.10	+2.70	0.13
Am Sm Co Acc	127.50	134.80	+1.20	...
Australia Acc	166.20	175.80	-0.70	1.17
Capital	720.70	762.10†	+2.90	2.21
-do- Acc	805.00	851.20	+3.30	2.21
Commodity Acc	429.60	454.40	-0.50	0.96
Compnd Gth	882.50	933.20	+6.80	2.54
Dividend	38.50	40.70	+0.40	4.00
-do- Acc	152.50	161.30	+1.80	4.00
Equity Inc	325.20	343.90†	+1.70	4.37
European Div	64.10	67.80	+0.10	3.80
-do- Acc	74.20	78.50	+0.10	3.80
European Gen	430.00	455.40	-1.90	0.89
-do- Acc	540.90	572.10	-2.40	0.89
Extra Yield	404.60	427.90†	+3.60	4.06
-do- Acc	1208.9	1278.7	+10.80	4.06
Far Eastern	323.80	342.40†	+3.30	0.43
-do- Acc	427.20	451.70	+4.30	0.43
Fund of Inv	555.50	587.40	+2.20	2.03
-do- Acc	1013.3	1071.5	+4.00	2.03
General	57.40	60.70	+0.40	3.45
-do- Acc	153.40	162.20	+1.00	3.45
Gilt Fxd Int	65.62	65.71†	-0.08	7.05
do Acc	167.29	167.52	-0.22	7.05
Gold	52.60	55.60	-1.50	0.96
-do- Acc	61.80	65.40	-1.70	0.96
High Inc	27.20	28.80	+0.30	4.18
-do- Acc	103.10	109.00	+0.90	4.18
Intl Growth	71.30	75.40	+0.30	0.70
-do- Acc	123.50	130.50	+0.40	0.70
Intl Inc	98.90	104.60	+0.70	4.42
Japan Gen Acc	53.10	56.10	-0.20	...
Japan Smllr Cos	159.70	168.80	-0.30	...
Midland	60.10	63.60	+0.30	2.85
-do- Acc	192.50	203.60	+0.90	2.85
Recovery	39.00	41.20	+0.30	2.43
-do- Acc	62.10	65.60	+0.50	2.43
Second Gen	66.80	70.60	+0.20	3.22
-do- Acc	165.60	175.00	+0.50	3.22
Smaller Cos	65.30	69.10†	+0.10	2.81
-do- Acc	125.40	132.60	+0.10	2.81
Trustee	42.30	44.70	+0.30	3.50
Charibond 3	£117.08	...	-0.20	9.31
Charifund 2	686.50	693.40	+5.40	5.26
Pension ex 1	899.60	922.10	+6.70	4.10
NAACIF Inc 3	348.49	...	-0.20	6.89
-do- Acc 3	£1196.6	...	-3.30	6.89
MARKS & SPENCER UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
PO Box 410, Chester X. CH99 9QG				
0244 680066				
Inv Port Inc	143.90	153.90	+0.52	1.90
-do- Acc	161.30	172.50	+0.52	1.90
UK Income	121.00	129.30	+0.54	2.33
-do- Acc	136.70	146.20	+0.54	2.33
MARTIN CURRIE UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Saltire Court, 20 Castle Terrace, Edinburgh EH1 2ES. 031 229 5252				
Emerg Mkts	89.25	95.45	+0.75	0.42
Far East	143.70	152.50	+0.50	0.16
Income Growth	75.87	80.33†	+1.49	2.95
European	74.24	78.81	+0.24	1.09
Nth American	57.53	61.07	+0.42	0.43
UK Growth	81.48	86.50	+0.16	1.99
Intl Growth	99.85	106.00	+0.10	0.33
Charities	114.70	121.80†	+0.60	3.89
Intl Income	70.73	75.09†	+0.39	4.12
Japan	58.00	61.57	-0.24	...
MERCURY FUND MANAGERS LTD				
33 King William St. EC4R 9AS. 071 280 2860				
American	188.80	200.20	+1.90	...
-do- Acc	201.80	213.90	-2.00	...
Cash	100.80	100.80	...	5.53
-do- Acc	131.00	131.00	...	5.53
Emg Mkts Acc	96.91	104.20	+0.60	...
European Gth	210.90	225.60†	+2.40	0.71
-do- Acc	227.00	240.80†	+2.60	0.71
General	485.00	517.30	+5.90	2.34
-do- Acc	928.00	989.90	+11.00	2.34
Global Dist	130.20	136.90	...	5.33
-do- Acc	149.70	157.30	...	5.33
Income	146.80	156.30†	+1.40	4.36
-do- Acc	218.10	232.20†	+2.10	4.36
International	413.20	440.30	+3.50	0.64
-do- Acc	549.80	585.50	+4.60	0.64
Japan Acc	200.90	213.20	-0.40	...
New Europe	152.90	163.10	+1.50	1.59
-do- Acc	155.30	165.70	+1.50	1.59
Recovery	304.80	324.80	+0.30	2.76
-do- Acc	384.80	410.50	+0.50	2.76
European Inc	77.91	82.54	+0.34	2.95
-do- Acc	100.90	106.80	+0.40	2.95
Brit Blue Chip	75.97	80.86	+0.98	3.12
-do- Acc	89.60	95.37	+1.16	3.12
Portfolio	77.08	81.98	+0.64	2.76
-do- Acc	88.48	94.08	+0.73	2.76
Gold General	122.90	132.20	-4.60	0.71
-do- Acc	125.70	135.20	-4.60	0.71
Pacific	101.30	108.10	+1.30	0.77
-do- Acc	107.80	115.00	+1.40	0.77
UK Smaller Cos	56.11	59.85†	...	1.82
-do- Acc	63.05	67.25†	...	1.82
MIDLAND UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
192 Eyre Street. Sheffield, S1 3RD				
Dealing: 0742 520 200				
Enquiries: 0742 529 876				
Balanced Dist	59.42	63.55	+0.19	2.56
-do- Acc	60.34	64.53	+0.19	2.56
British Dist	80.03	85.59	+0.40	2.02
-do- Acc	90.59	96.89	+0.46	2.02
European Gth	186.80	199.80	+1.80	0.02
-do- Acc	234.60	250.90	+2.20	0.02
Extra High Inc	73.25	78.34	+0.24	5.43
-do- Acc	131.00	140.10	+0.40	5.43
FT-SE 100 Index	50.22	53.71	+0.32	2.60
-do- Acc	50.97	54.51	+0.32	2.60
Gilt Fixed Int	57.83	60.21	-0.02	6.56
-do- Acc	156.50	162.90	...	6.56
High Yield	234.40	250.70	+0.90	4.37
-do- Acc	550.30	588.60	+2.20	4.37
Income	292.40	312.70	+1.70	3.10
-do- Acc	618.20	661.20	+3.70	3.10
Japan Gth	358.60	383.50	+0.20	...
-do- Acc	378.50	404.80	+0.20	...
Mandarin Acc	107.30	114.80	+0.90	0.77
North American	164.30	175.60	-0.70	0.53
-do- Acc	207.10	221.50	+0.90	0.53
MORGAN GRENFELL INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
20 Finsbury Circus. London EC2M 1UT				
Dealing: 071 826 0826 Enq: 071 826 0123				
American Gth	287.20	305.40	+3.80	...
Deposit Inc	100.03	100.03†	+0.01	5.38
Deposit Acc	123.89	123.89†	+0.01	5.38
Euro Gth Acc	316.30	337.70	+4.00	...
Europe	136.80	147.20†	+0.30	...
Intl Gth	177.20	189.40	-1.20	...
Japan Tracker	79.32	84.04	-0.21	...
UK Equity Inc	164.50	176.60	+1.60	3.75
-do- Acc	201.70	216.60	+2.00	3.75
UK Ind Tracker	148.90	159.30†	+1.90	3.02
US Eq Ind Trkr	191.20	202.80†	-1.40	1.46
-do- Acc	203.40	215.80†	-1.50	1.46
Asian Trader	177.20	192.30†	+2.20	0.42
MURRAY JOHNSTONE UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
7 West Nile St. Glasgow G2 2PX. 0345 090 935				
American Inc	166.90	171.00†	+1.70	1.76
European	66.03	67.28†	+0.48	1.64
Olympiad	59.45	61.00†	+0.33	0.20
Global Bond	48.80	49.35†	-0.05	6.27
Smaller Cos	70.90	74.16	+0.20	1.20
Equity Income	95.36	97.92†	+0.92	5.05
UK Growth	86.69	89.44	+0.79	1.77
NM UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
The Hilton Centre, North Harbour, Portsmouth. Enquiries 0705 372222				
Dealing: 0705 387730				
American Acc	47.08	50.21	+0.24	1.17
Australian Acc	315	337.90	+0.60	...
Conscience	64.99	69.35	-0.36	1.21
-do- Acc	70.15	74.86	+0.61	1.21
European	179.80	191.20	+2.00	0.82
-do- Acc	193.40	205.70	-2.10	0.82
Extra Income	75.26	80.31†	+0.20	5.53
-do- Acc	116.60	124.40	+0.30	5.53
Far East Gth	180.10	192.50	+4.50	0.03
Gilt Fxd Inc	60.18	63.51†	+0.03	6.24
Gold	44.08	47.39	-0.88	...
-do- Acc	47.47	51.04	-0.94	...
Income	54.95	58.61	+0.35	4.71
-do- Acc	168.20	179.40	+1.10	4.71
International	30.88	33.11	+0.21	0.63
-do- Acc	44.37	47.58	+0.30	0.63
Jap Sm Cos Acc	367.30	391.70	+0.50	...
S pore Mly Acc	217	232.70	-0.20	...
Smllr Cos Acc	26.31	28.39	-0.25	0.66
Special Sits	33.83	36.37	+0.21	1.73
-do- Acc	38.96	41.89	-0.24	1.73
Tokyo	88.25	94.13	+0.11	...
-do- Acc	89.14	95.08	+0.11	...
N&P UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
35 Fountain St. Manchester M2 2AF				
061 237 5522				
N&P UK Growth	69.81	74.27	+0.35	2.62
N&P Gilt Fxd Int	78.00	82.54†	-0.08	5.58
N&P Higher Inc	213.00	226.60	+0.60	4.53
N&P UK Income	107.60	114.50	+0.80	3.48
N&P Intl	91.78	97.64	+0.78	1.77
N&P Smaller Cos	76.19	81.06†	-0.20	1.57
NEWTON FUND MANAGERS				
71 Queen Victoria St, London EC4V 4DR				
071 332 9080				
General	173.99	185.10	+0.22	2.02
Global	306.63	326.21†	-0.85	3.06
Growth	114.72	122.05	+0.40	1.93
Income	214.87	228.59	+0.75	3.70
Intl Bond	135.94	144.35	-0.06	6.76
Intrepid Fd	97.03	101.08	...	1.70
PEARL UNIT TRUST LTD				
PO Box 500. Peterborough PE2 6BR				
0733 470470. Dealing: 0800 626577				
Growth	144.50	152.00	+1.20	2.44
-do- Acc	256.00	269.40	+2.10	2.44
Income	233.00	247.80	+2.30	3.26
Intl Equity	231.80	246.50†	+1.30	0.71
-do- Acc	255.30	271.60	+1.50	0.71
Equity	227.00	241.50	+2.30	2.31
-do- Acc	465.30	495.10	+4.70	2.31
UK Intl 25 Acc	73.21	77.88	+0.68	1.79
UK Income	63.73	67.79	+0.64	2.62
UK Smllr Co Acc	81.68	86.89	-0.09	1.39
New Europe Acc	65.57	69.76	+0.62	0.94
PERPETUAL UNIT TRUST				
48 Hart Street, Henley on Thames 0491 417000				
Asian Smllr Mkt	103.92	111.15	+2.43	0.22
PEP Growth	107.60	115.09	+1.13	1.32
Intl Gth	519.90	556.05	+7.07	0.48
Income	330.02	352.97	-0.90	3.08
W wide Recov	332.31	355.42	+3.79	0.39
American Gth	216.06	231.07	+4.67	0.01
Intl Emerg Cos	204.74	218.98	+4.41	0.16
Far East Gth	238.54	255.13	+3.32	0.26
European Gth	124.60	133.35	+0.88	1.20
UK Growth	82.30	88.03	+0.07	2.78
High Income	89.57	95.80	+0.18	4.27
Japanese Gth	227.31	241.65	+2.67	0.01
PROLIFIC UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
Walbrook Hse. 23 Walbrook. London EC4N 8LD. Dealing: 0800 282443				
International	186.40	198.50	-1.80	0.64
High Income	113.90	121.20	-0.70	3.48
Conv Gilt	116.30	123.70†	-0.30	5.55
Far East	331.80	353.00†	-1.50	0.06
Global Inc Acc	33.19	35.31	+0.28	4.86
PROSPERITY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT				
1 Sessions Hse Sq, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. 0622 674751				
American	51.53	54.82	+0.63	0.20
Emerging Mkts	71.79	76.37	-0.34	0.50
General	49.50	52.66	-0.34	3.09
International	88.23	93.86	+0.72	1.28
Gilt Units	27.32	28.19†	+0.07	7.06
Global PEP	37.15	39.52	+0.42	1.94
Income Gth	69.76	74.21†	+0.59	4.41
European	46.80	49.79	+0.58	0.61
Gilt/Fixed Int	26.97	28.69†	-0.01	5.45
PRUDENTIAL UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
51/69 Ilford Hill. Ilford, Essex IG1 2DL				
081 478 3377. Enquiries: 071 911 4890				
Intermediary Dealing: 071 911 4314				
Pricebank: 0426 925691				
Pru Mngd Tst	32.98	35.27	-0.22	1.51
Pru Csh Hvn Inc	101.28	101.77†	+0.01	4.76
-do- Acc	106.46	106.99†	+0.02	4.76
Pru Equity	684.23	731.79	-2.91	2.44
Pru Equity Inc	83.02	88.79†	+0.50	4.34
Pru European	187.33	200.35	+1.69	0.83
Pru Global Gth	82.75	88.50	+0.60	1.21
Pru High Inc	89.75	95.98†	+0.22	4.48
Pru Intl	167.04	178.65	+1.38	1.05
Pru Intl Sm Co	72.17	77.18†	+0.52	0.64
Pru Japanese	207.76	222.20†	+0.04	...
Pru Nth Amer	150.62	161.09	-2.91	0.77
Pru Pacific Mkt	83.46	89.26	+0.94	1.04
Pru Premr Inc	51.39	53.50	-0.01	5.06
Pru Smllr Cos	85.79	91.75	-0.04	2.14
Pru Spec Sits	102.09	109.18	+0.50	2.30
Pru UK Grwth	112.84	120.68†	+0.43	2.39
ROTHSCHILD FUND MANAGEMENT				
St Swithin's Lane, London EC4N 8NR				
Dealing: 071 634 2881/4				
FA Income	164.20	175.35	+2.12	3.88
FA Japan	285.51	303.86	-0.93	...
FA Maj UK Cos	95.45	101.92	+1.10	2.41
FA America Inc	512.41	546.37†	+3.29	0.93
-do- Acc	597.11	636.68	+3.83	0.93
FA Smlr UK Cos	280.79	303.76†	-0.25	1.46
FA European	270.30	286.43	-0.12	1.27
SAVE & PROSPER GROUP				
16-22 Western Rd. Romford RM1 3LB				
0708 766966 or 0800 929929 (IFAs only)				
Amer Inc Gth	73.65	78.35	-0.01	3.55
Capital Units	150.20	159.80	-1.10	1.08
Commodity	102.10	108.60†	-1.70	1.13
European Gth	168.90	179.70	+0.40	1.09
Financial Sec	184.70	196.50	+3.00	1.29
High Return	219.50	233.50	-1.80	3.72
High Yield	216.30	230.10†	+1.30	3.65
Income Units	114.80	122.10†	+0.90	4.50
Investment	189.90	202.00	-1.30	1.04
Japan Gth	169.80	180.60†	-0.80	...
Japan Smaller	200.20	213.00	-0.70	...
Masterfund	49.48	52.64	+0.24	0.86
Scotbits	281.70	299.70	+1.30	0.95
Scotshares	266.60	283.60	+1.50	2.41
Scotyields	231.90	246.70†	+2.00	3.83
Select Intl	133.40	141.90	+0.40	0.58
Smaller Cos	238.60	253.80†	+0.50	3.03
Special Situation	112.70	119.90	+0.60	0.65
UK Equity	232.80	247.70	+2.20	2.66
US Growth	141.40	150.40	-1.30	0.26
SCHRODER UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Senator House, 85 Queen Victoria St, London, EC4V 4EJ. Client Enq: 0800 526 535				
Broker Enq: 0800 526 540				
American	240.96	256.37	+3.16	0.56
-do- Acc	261.07	277.76	+3.42	0.56
Australian	132.15	140.96†	-0.42	0.32
-do- Acc	156.16	166.56	-0.50	0.32
UK Enterprise	227.36	242.51	+0.88	2.16
-do- Acc	265.69	283.39	+1.03	2.16
European Gth	68.23	69.38	+0.14	1.21
-do- Acc	67.75	72.06	+0.15	1.21
Euro Smllr Cos	60.75	64.74	+0.02	0.59
-do- Acc	61.17	65.18	+0.02	0.59
Far Eastern Gth	78.18	83.30†	-0.73	...
-do- Acc	79.45	84.74	-0.75	...
Fixed Interest	54.77	57.72†	+0.07	5.84
-do- Acc	68.83	72.53	+0.09	5.84
Gilt Income	106.67	112.64†	+0.18	7.13
-do- Acc	153.38	161.67†	+0.27	7.13
Income	334.55	356.85†	+1.73	3.92
-do- Acc	1006.4	1072.4	+5.20	3.92
Japan Enterprise	69.83	74.48	+0.12	...
-do- Acc	69.83	74.48	+0.12	...
Japan Smllr Cos	507.39	541.21	+0.68	...
-do- Acc	508.40	542.29	+0.68	...
Pacific Gth	103.10	109.97†	+1.57	0.09
-do- Acc	106.16	113.24	+1.63	0.09
Smaller Cos	202.72	216.23	-0.28	0.83
-do- Acc	234.46	250.09	-0.33	0.83
Tokyo	116.07	123.80†	+0.19	...
-do- Acc	117.24	125.05	+0.19	...
UK Equity	223.20	238.07	+0.60	2.52
-do- Acc	419.02	446.96	+1.13	2.52
US Smllr Cos	144.11	153.71	+3.42	...
-do- Acc	144.11	153.71	+3.42	...
World Fd	74.17	79.11†	+0.28	1.70
-do- Acc	78.84	84.09	+0.29	1.70
SCOTTISH AMICABLE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
150 St Vincent St. Glasgow G2 5NQ				
041 204 2200				
Equity Income	50.06	53.31	+0.14	3.72
Equity Strategy	65.89	70.17	+0.09	1.04
European Opps	77.17	82.19	-0.11	3.22
Maximum Inc	98.32	100.86	+0.01	5.38
UK Smaller Cos	57.99	61.76	-0.19	1.33
SCOTTISH LIFE INVESTMENTS				
19 St Andrew Sq. Edinburgh. 031 225 2211				
UK Equity	359.20	383.60	+2.20	2.74
American	251.70	267.50	+2.20	0.75
Pacific	356.00	380.70	+2.60	0.55
European	484.30	518.00	-4.90	1.06
Worldwide	85.81	91.78	+0.77	1.08
SCOTTISH MUTUAL INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT				
109 St Vincent St. Glasgow G2 5HN				
041 248 6100				
UK Equity	312.90	332.90	+1.00	2.02
UK Sm Cos Eqty	221.20	235.40	...	1.43
European	356.00	378.80	+1.28	1.55
North American	263.60	280.50	+1.12	0.57
Income Plus Inc	69.47	73.91†	+1.20	2.77
UK Spec Sits	...	...	...	
SCOTTISH PROVIDENT INVESTMENT MANAGEMENT LTD				
6 St Andrew Sq. Edinburgh EH2 2YA				
031 556 2341/2/3				
Equity Gth Acc	27.05	28.95	+0.24	2.72
Intl Growth Acc	30.75	32.91	+0.07	1.04
Market Ldrs Acc	26.99	28.90	+0.28	2.93
FOR SOTR TRUSTS SEE HENDERSON				
SINGER & FRIEDLANDER INVESTMENT FUNDS LTD				
21 New Street, Bishopsgate. London EC2M 2HR 071 626 6226				
European	107.30	...	-0.20	..
Global Bond	104.90	...	-0.40	7.17
Japan Samurai	98.54	...	-0.23	...
UK Growth	101.40	...	-0.30	3.90
STANDARD LIFE TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
3 George St, Edinburgh EH2 2XZ				
0800 393777				
Managed	46.49	49.40	+0.10	1.46
Equity Gth Acc	64.32	68.35	+0.40	1.11
UK Eq General	43.75	46.49	...	2.10
-do- Acc	57.77	61.39	...	2.10
European Acc	44.16	46.92	-0.50	0.73
Far East Acc	59.23	62.94	+0.20	0.29
Gilt Fxd Int Inc	32.08	34.88	-0.10	5.81
N American Acc	43.59	46.32	+0.40	0.68
Gth Lgr Cos Acc	280.80	315.20	-0.30	1.28
UK Eq High Inc	37.92	40.29	-0.10	3.43
-do- Acc	45.03	47.85	-0.10	3.43
UK Lgr Cos Inc	303.50	329.40	+0.30	3.64
UK Lgr Cos Acc	395.20	428.80	+0.10	3.64
STATE STREET UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
Birchin Court, 20 Birchin Lane, London EC3V 9AQ. 071 626 1977				
Global A	N283.71	N283.94	...	1.35
US Eq	$2.199	$2.336	...	1.14
Far East Eq	Y246.9	Y262.3	...	
Japan Eq	Y252.9	Y266.6	...	
FT Europe	119.00	126.40	..	2.06
FT North Am	$1.733	$1.837	..	1.30
FT Japan	Y242.4	Y257.4	..	...
FT Asia Ex Jap	$2.024	$2.150	..	1.42
STEWART IVORY UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
45 Charlotte Sq. Edinburgh				
031 226 3271				
American	344.70	367.80	+0.80	0.33
British	988.80	1046.2†	+4.70	3.42
European	427.00	454.80	-0.90	1.29
Japan	158.30	168.00	...	...
New Pacific	320.70	341.50	+2.80	0.95
Mngd Cash	96.19	96.19	+0.01	5.07
Majority Stlg	100.39	101.40	+0.01	4.78
Inv Tst	201.50	213.60†	+1.60	1.68
Saints PPF	408.20	429.70	...	..
SUN ALLIANCE				
Adams, 5 Rayleigh Rd, Hutton, Essex				
0277 227300 Dealing: 0277 690380				
Equity Acc	762.80	816.90	+4.60	2.77
N America Acc	120.50	128.90	+1.30	0.13
Far East Acc	133.30	142.60	+1.00	0.23
W wide Bond	63.38	67.28	-0.04	5.26
European	90.57	96.87	+1.30	0.91
Equity Income	89.05	95.24	+0.61	3.63
SUN LIFE OF CANADA				
Basingview, Basingstoke. Hants RG21 2DZ				
Dealing: 0256 841414				
American Gth	33.65	35.97†	+0.17	0.50
Managed Assets	124.33	132.98	-1.05	2.63
UK Income	38.94	41.65	+0.46	2.97
UK Growth	38.34	41.01	-0.43	2.22
Worldwide Gth	32.62	34.89†	-0.17	0.55
TSB UNIT TRUSTS LTD				
Charlton Place, Andover, Hants. SP10 1RE				
0264 346794				
American	213.88	227.53†	+2.96	...
-do- Acc	235.57	250.61†	+3.26	...
British Gth	88.51	94.16†	+0.59	1.97
-do- Acc	104.89	111.55†	+0.71	1.97
European	100.48	106.90†	+0.45	0.69
-do- Acc	106.79	113.61†	+0.48	0.69
Extra Inc	194.97	207.41†	+1.06	3.96
-do- Acc	318.33	338.65†	+1.72	3.96
General Unit	273.09	290.53	+2.67	2.44
-do- Acc	545.52	580.34	+5.35	2.44
Income	342.97	364.86	+2.45	3.48
-do- Acc	712.69	758.18	+5.09	3.48
International	504.62	536.83	+5.45	0.24
-do- Acc	660.60	702.76	+7.14	0.24
Pacific	360.71	383.73	+3.25	..
-do- Acc	379.01	403.20	+3.41	...
Premier Income	54.11	58.36	+0.16	6.23
-do- Acc	114.40	119.17	+0.33	6.23
Nat Resources	129.40	137.66	+1.15	..
-do- Acc	142.01	151.07	+1.25	...
Selected Opps	100.90	107.34†	-0.47	1.14
-do- Acc	127.26	135.38†	-0.60	1.14
THORNTON UNIT MANAGERS LTD				
Swan House, 33 Queen St. London EC4R 1AX				
071 246 3000 Dealing: 071 246 3081				
Amer Smll Cos	69.39	74.01	+0.66	..
-do- Acc	71.56	76.33	+0.68	...
European Opps	65.21	69.23	+0.34	0.43
-do- Acc	65.88	69.95	+0.35	0.43
Japan	93.60	99.83	+0.03	..
-do- Acc	93.60	99.83	+0.03	.
Little Dragons	83.28	88.83	+1.16	0.56
-do- Acc	85.72	91.43	+1.19	0.56
Oriental Income	44.02	46.95	+0.18	3.39
-do- Acc	57.95	61.81	+0.24	3.39
Tiger	229.14	244.41	+3.40	1.08
-do- Acc	240.73	256.77	+3.56	1.08
UK Small Cos	89.20	95.40	+0.02	1.67
-do- Acc	104.08	111.31	+0.04	1.67
WAVERLEY UNIT TRUST MANAGEMENT LTD				
13 Charlotte Sq. Edinburgh EH2 4DJ				
031 225 1551				
Australasian Gold	16.91	17.98	-0.56	0.50
Pacific Basin	35.95	37.81	+0.41	0.60
Canadian Gth	35.29	37.54	-0.20	..
Global Bond	$0.974	$1.015	+0.000	6.95
Penny Share	26.12	27.78	+0.13	1.30
WHITTINGDALE UNIT TRUST MANAGERS				
2 Honey Lane, London. EC2V 8BT				
071 606 3132				
City Reserve	53.34	53.35	...	4.88
Gilt Growth	72.31	75.26	-0.03	.
Gilt Income	53.66	55.83†	...	7.00
Short Dtd Gilt	111.10	112.50	...	...
US Govmm Bd	$0.720	$0.730	+0.000	...
Challenger	97.95	100.80	...	...
WOOLWICH UNIT TRUST MANAGERS LTD				
2 White Oak Square, Swanley BR8 7AG				
081 298 4808				
Stockmarket Fd	71.37	75.92	-0.23	1.88

Source: Finstat

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return); † Ex dividend; ‡ Middle price; ... No significant data.

FT-SE VOLUMES

ASDA Gp	23,000	Cadbury	1,900	MEPC	644	Scot & New	308
Abbey Natl	1,700	Carlton Cm	599	Marks Spr	5,100	Scot Power	3,100
Alld-Lyons	5,200	Coats Vyla	7,400	NFC	1,000	Sears	5,300
Anglian W	68	Cm Union	1,100	NatWst Bk	4,000	Svrn Trent	392
Argyll Gp	2,000	Courtaulds	1,100	Nat Power	2,800	Shell Trans	5,900
Arjo Wiggn	2,700	Enterpr Oil	1,400	Nth Wst W	1,000	Siebe	1,600
AB Foods	197	Forte	1,400	Nthrn Fds	6,300	SmKl Bch	3,600
BAA	941	GRE	2,000	P & O	1,200	Smith Nph	1,300
BAT Inds	6,900	GUS A	379	Pearson	2,300	Std Chartd	980
BOC	2,900	Gen Acc	1,100	PowerGen	1,400	Sun Allnce	2,300
BP	5,300	Gen Elec	5,600	Prudential	3,900	TI Gp	1,900
BT	9,900	Glaxo	7,800	RMC	28	TSB	2,800
BTR	5,700	Granada	1,700	RTZ	2,100	Tesco	12,000
Bk of Scot	657	Grand Met	5,700	Rank Org	669	Thames W	359
Barclays	6,700	Guinness	1,700	Reckitt Col	357	Thrn EMI	4,500
Bass	4,800	HSBC	3,500	Redland	489	Tomkins	1,900
Blue Circle	2,000	Hanson	9,200	Reed Intl	2,200	Unilever	1,000
Boots	1,100	ICI	1,100	Rentokil	388	Utd Bisc	1,000
Bowater	1,900	Inchcape	2,200	Reuters	425	Vodafone	2,100
Brit Aero	1,900	Kingfisher	949	Rolls Royce	2,100	Warburg (SG)	356
Brit Airways	4,500	Ladbroke	2,800	Rothmans	311	Wellcome	3,600
Brit Gas	13,000	Land Secs	558	Ryl Ins	1,900	Whitbd 'A'	1,900
Brit Steel	4,400	Legal & Gn	632	Ryl Bk Scot	899	Wlms Hld	1,400
Burmah Cstrl	457	Lloyds Bk	1,000	Sainsbury	7,200	Wolseley	514
Cable Wire	2,400	MB Caradn	1,500	Schroders	103	Zeneca	2,300

MAJOR INDICES

New York (midday):
Dow Jones 3537.24 (-9.76)
S&P Composite 457.11 (+0.91)

Tokyo:
Nikkei Av'ge Closed

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng 7581.00 (+102.10)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency 124.1 (+0.5)

Sydney: AO 1928.6 (-9.2)

Frankfurt:
DAX 1916.51 (+23.51)

FT 30 share: 2312.5 (+16.7)

Brussels:
General 6545.12 (+36.68)

Paris: CAC 577.71 (+4.24)

Zurich: SKA Gen 370.00 (+4.30)

London:
FT A All-Share 1492.98 (-1.80)
FT 500 1608.48 (-3.43)
FT Gold Mines 173.9 (-2.7)
FT Fixed Interest 122.45 (-0.10)
FT Govt Secs 101.50 (+0.24)
Bargains 27524
SEAQ Volume 713.3m
USM (Datastrm) 145.42 (+0.30)

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
September 13	September 24	December 9	December 20

Call options were taken out on 23/9/93: Aminex, BM Group, Barratt Devs, Betterware, Cathay Ind, Clarkson, Cluff Resources, Hanson Wts, Kewill Systems, Phonelink, TR Technology.
Put & Call: PizzaExpress

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100	Dec 93	3037.0	3041.0	3015.0	3025.0	10913
Previous open interest: 49848	Mar 94	3051.0	3051.0	3051.0	3042.5	116
Three Month Sterling	Dec 93	94.31	94.35	94.29	94.33	15748
Previous open interest: 343992	Mar 94	94.46	94.48	94.43	94.48	5577
	Jun 94	94.43	94.46	94.39	94.44	3601
Three Mth Eurodollar	Dec 93	96.52	96.54	96.52	96.54	564
Previous open interest: 9022	Mar 94	96.45	96.47	96.45	96.49	321
Three Mth Euro DM	Dec 93	93.92	93.94	93.85	93.88	48468
Previous open interest: 387038	Mar 94	94.44	94.46	94.39	94.42	17496
Long Gilt	Sep 93	112-09	112-18	112-05	112-21	90
Previous open interest: 86861	Dec 93	111-29	112-16	111-29	112-15	65793
Japanese Govmt Bond	Dec 93	112.15	112.20	111.98	112.16	1013
	Mar 94				111.41	0
German Gov Bd Bund	Dec 93	98.78	98.87	98.25	98.39	172416
Previous open interest: 159348	Mar 94	98.40	98.44	98.40	98.44	326
German Gov Bd Bobl	Dec 93	101.29	101.33	101.02	101.13	6548
Previous open interest: 14801	Mar 94					0
Three month ECU	Dec 93	93.12	93.15	92.96	93.04	3891
Previous open interest: 26495	Mar 94	93.93	93.94	93.84	93.86	721
Euro Swiss Franc	Dec 93	95.65	95.71	95.62	95.65	14387
Previous open interest: 38701	Mar 94	95.93	95.95	95.91	95.94	842
Italian Govmt Bond	Dec 93	112.45	112.98	112.14	112.72	37349
Previous open interest: 67434	Mar 94				112.52	0

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was down at 80.4 (day's range 80.4-80.7).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mid Rates for Sep 23	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	2.7720-2.7830	2.7727-2.7762	par-¼ds	¼-½ds
Brussels	52.32-52.99	52.32-52.52	14-19ds	38-44ds
Copenhagen	9.9950-10.0580	9.9990-10.0220	3½-5ds	9½-11½ds
Dublin	1.0482-1.0509	1.0484-1.0506	10-14ds	24-33ds
Frankfurt	2.4682-2.4787	2.4726-2.4758	¼-½ds	½-¾ds
Lisbon	252.25-253.37	252.25-252.73	83-133ds	286-405ds
Madrid	196.98-198.31	196.98-197.42	68-78ds	200-220ds
Milan	2387.60-2404.60	2387.60-2392.30	5-7ds	18-20ds
Montreal	1.9912-2.0120	1.9912-1.9941	0.28-0.20pr	0.50-0.39pr
New York	1.5045-1.5190	1.5045-1.5055	0.36-0.34pr	1.05-1.02pr
Oslo	10.7650-10.8140	10.7790-10.8020	¾-1ds	1½-1¾ds
Paris	8.5900-8.6340	8.5900-8.6120	¾-1¼ds	2½-3¼ds
Stockholm	12.1130-12.2250	12.1130-12.1370	1¼-2½ds	4½-6ds
Tokyo	159.62-161.47	159.62-159.89	½-¼pr	1½-1¼pr
Vienna	17.25-17.43	17.25-17.29	½-1½ds	2¾-4¼ds
Zurich	2.1521-2.1639	2.1521-2.1552	¼-⅛pr	¾-½pr

Source: Extel Premium - pr. Discount - ds.

OTHER STERLING

Argentina peso*	1.5109-1.5135
Australia dollar	2.3154-2.3187
Bahrain dinar	0.5665-0.5785
Brazil cruzeiro*	177.05-178.39
Cyprus pound	0.7465-0.7565
Finland marka	8.7795-8.8955
Greece drachma	352.0-359.0
Hong Kong dollar	11.6630-11.6899
India rupee	47.25-48.21
Kuwait dinar KD	0.45-0.46
Malaysia ringgit	3.8601-3.8642
Mexico peso	4.65-4.75
New Zealand dollar	2.7245-2.7297
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.632-5.758
Singapore dollar	2.4063-2.4094
S Africa rand (fin)	6.8395-6.8742
S Africa rand (com)	5.1670-5.1856
U A E dirham	5.513-5.637

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Australia	1.5323-1.5335
Austria	11.507-11.512
Belgium (Com)	34.949-34.952
Canada	1.3231-1.3236
Denmark	6.6030-6.6080
France	5.7010-5.7040
Germany	1.6387-1.6397
Hong Kong	7.7330-7.7340
Ireland	1.4221-1.4241
Italy	1586.5-1587.5
Japan	106.45-106.50
Malaysia	2.5530-2.5540
Netherlands	1.8385-1.8395
Norway	7.1375-7.1425
Portugal	167.64-167.74
Singapore	1.5925-1.5935
Spain	130.80-131.00
Sweden	8.0843-8.0943
Switzerland	1.4290-1.4300

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 6 Finance Hse 6
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 6 Low 4½ Week fixed: 5¼
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buy: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth 5⅛. Sell: 2 mth 5⅛; 3 mth: 5⅛.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	
Sterling Money Rates:	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜
Interbank:	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜

Overnight: open 6, close 4½.

Local Authority Deps:	5¼	n/a	5¼	5⅜	5⅜
Sterling CDs:	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜
Dollar CDs:	3.08-3.05	n/a	3.11-3.08	3.26-3.23	3.46-3.43
Building Society CDs:	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5⅜-5¼	5½-5⅜

ECGD: Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: August 31, 1993 Agreed rates Sept 26, 1993 to Oct 25, 1993 Scheme III: 7.15 %. Reference rate July 31, 1993 to August 31, 1993 Scheme IV & V: 5.896 %.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3⅛-2⅞	3¼-3⅛	3⅛-2⅞
Deutschemark:	6⅝-6½	6½-6⅜	6⅜-6¼	6⅛-6	7-6
French Franc:	7½-7¼	7½-7¼	7¼-7⅛	6⅞-6⅝	8-7
Swiss Franc:	4⅞-4⅝	4⅝-4½	4½-4⅜	4¼-4⅛	5-4
Yen:	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	2⅛-2	3-2

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS (Bairlet & Co)

Bullion: Open $353.30-353.70 Close: $357.10-357.60 High: $358.60-359.10
Low: $352.95-353.45 Krugerrand: $356.00-359.00 (£236.00-238.00)
Sovereigns: Old $83.00-86.00 (£54.00-56.00) New $83.00-86.00 (£54.00-56.00)
Platinum: $362.00 (£239.25) Silver: $4.14 (£2.735) Palladium: $124.25 (£82.10)

LIFFE OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Oct	Jan	Apr	Oct	Jan	Apr
Alld Lyon	550	30	41½	52	7	18½	25
(*569½)	600	7	17	25	34½	47	52½
Argyll	280	20½	28	35	4	11½	14½
(*293)	300	8½	17½	25	13	22	25
ASDA	57	4½	—	—	2½	—	—
(*59)	67	1	—	—	9½	—	—
Boots	460	29½	38	48½	5½	14	19½
(*481½)	500	6½	17½	28	24½	35	41
Br Airways	345	20	32	—	7	18½	—
(*356½)	360	12	24	33	15	26	31
BP	300	11	19½	24½	5½	14	17½
(*302½)	330	2	7½	12	29	32	35½
Br Steel	110	9	15	18½	3½	7	9
(*115½)	120	3	9	14	8½	12½	15
C & W	950	30	52½	70½	14½	31½	38½
(*961)	1000	9	28½	46½	49½	60	66
CU	580	29½	—	—	6	—	—
(*599½)	629	5½	—	—	34½	—	—
ICI	681	30	52	—	10½	23½	—
(*697)	750	3½	19	28½	57	63½	78½
Kingfishr	650	26½	47½	61½	12	23	31
(*662)	700	5½	23	36½	43	51	58
Land Sec	650	31	44	57	7	19	22½
(*670)	700	6½	19½	32	34½	47	49½
M & S	360	22	30	37½	4½	10½	14
(*377½)	390	5½	15	21½	18½	29½	28½
Nat West	460	42	54½	59½	2½	9½	16
(*496½)	500	13½	28½	34½	14½	24½	34
Sainsbury	420	19½	29	39	13	25	30
(*420½)	460	5	14	22½	43½	49	54½
Shell	600	50½	64½	68½	1	7	15
(*645)	650	11½	31	36	15½	24	36½
Smkl Bch	420	19½	34	44½	15½	28½	32
(*421)	460	5	18	28½	43½	53	56
Storehse	220	9½	17	22	6	12½	15½
(*222½)	240	2½	9	13	20½	25	29
Trafalgar	101	6½	—	—	4	—	—
(*103½)	110	3	7½	11	9½	14	15
Unilever	1050	46½	69½	95	10½	29	39
(*1078½)	1100	17	43	56½	33½	52½	64
Zeneca	700	55½	58½	68	10½	23½	39½
(*721)	750	11½	33	45	37	50	67
	Series	Oct	Feb	May	Oct	Feb	May
Grnd Met	390	25½	37	42½	6	16½	20½
(*408)	420	9	22½	28½	19½	32½	35½
Ladbroke	180	12	21	22½	5½	11½	17½
(*159½)	200	3	12	13½	19½	23½	30
Utd Bisc	330	26½	36	39½	5½	14	19½
(*350½)	360	8	21	24½	21½	29½	39

September 23 1993 Tot: 27503 Call: 14260 Put: 13242 FT-SE Call: 3462 Put: 4065
*Underlying security price.

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Nov	Jan	Apr	Nov	Jan	Apr
BAA	850	32½	43½	60	23½	34	41
(*852)	900	12½	21	37	55	64½	70
Thames W	550	20½	28	38	17½	24	29
(*552½)	600	3½	9½	17½	55	58	61½
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
BAT Ind	450	34	47½	—	6½	13½	—
(*472½)	475	18	31½	—	17	24	—
BTR	360	17	25	27½	9½	15	19
(*364)	390	5	11½	15	29	32½	36½
Br Aero	390	45	64	71½	13	28	35
(*416½)	420	27½	48½	57½	26½	43	50½
Br Telcm	420	22	28½	35½	6½	16	18½
(*430)	460	4½	11	16½	33	40½	42
Cadbury	453	20	33½	36½	11½	19	28
(*457)	493	5	15½	19	40	45½	52½
Guinness	420	24	37	42	14	22	29
(*427)	460	8½	19	23½	41½	46½	53
GEC	330	28½	33	40½	4	8½	9½
(*351)	360	9½	17	23	16	22	23
Hanson	240	22	25½	27½	2½	7	9
(*257)	260	8½	14	16½	10	15½	16
LASMO	140	12	20	24	7	11	14
(*144)	160	5½	11	16	20	23	25½
Lucas	140	15	20½	23	5½	9½	12
(*151)	160	5	10½	13	16½	20½	23½
Pilkingtn	140	17	21	23	4½	8½	11
(*151)	160	6½	11	14	14½	19½	22½
Prudential	330	18	27	30½	8	13	19
(*336½)	360	5	13	16	27½	30	36½
Redland	500	42	54½	62½	12	19½	33½
(*534)	550	14	29	37½	36	45	60½
Royal Ins	288	27½	35½	—	5	9½	—
(*306½)	317	10½	18½	—	19½	23½	—
Tesco	180	20	26	29	3½	7	11
(*197½)	200	9	14½	15½	12½	16	21½
Vodafone	460	45	56	65½	7½	17½	22
(*491)	500	19½	33	44	25	35	41
Williams	300	29½	38	41	4½	8½	14
(*321½)	330	11½	20½	24½	17	22½	29

FT-SE INDEX (*3002)

	2900	2950	3000	3050	3100	3150
Calls						
Oct	116	75	42	20	8	3
Nov	142	105	74	48	29	17
Dec	162	125	95	68	47	31
Jan	177	143	113	88	66	49
Jun	241	—	179	—	130	—
Puts						
Oct	10	18	36	67	108	155
Nov	27	40	59	85	118	159
Dec	39	52	72	97	127	165
Jan	47	63	83	109	138	174
Jun	93	—	132	—	183	—

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Abby Nat	390	30	38	41½	9½	17½	21
(*403½)	420	13½	22	26½	25	33½	36½
Amstrad	40	5	7½	8½	3½	4½	5½
(*42)	45	3½	5	6½	6½	7½	8½
Barclays	500	29	41	46	16½	27½	30½
(*505½)	550	9½	18½	24	49½	57	59½
Blue Circ	260	25	33	36	9	14½	22
(*271½)	280	13½	22½	25½	19	25	32½
Br Gas	300	31	35½	38½	4½	8	13
(*327½)	330	9	19½	21½	17	21	27½
Dixons	260	21	28	35	15½	22	25½
(*261½)	280	12½	19½	25½	27½	33½	37
Forte	220	17	23½	26½	11½	15½	21
(*226)	240	7½	14	17½	23½	27½	32½
Hillsdwn	140	20½	23	24	4	7	12
(*156½)	160	7½	12½	13½	12	17	23½
Lonrho	120	12½	17	19	7	12	13½
(*122)	130	8	12½	15	12½	17½	19
Sears	110	12	15	16	3½	5	7
(*118)	120	6	9½	11	8	10	12
Thrn Emi	900	73½	86	103	16	29½	37½
(*946)	950	42	56	72½	34	47	53
Tomkins	220	22	26	31½	7	11½	13½
(*231½)	240	11	16	21	17	22	24
TSB	200	17	23	26	6½	11½	13½
(*209)	220	8	13	16½	17	22½	24
Wellcome	700	47	69	83	39	52	63
(*708½)	750	25	47½	60½	69½	81½	92
	Series	Dec	Apr		Dec	Apr	
Glaxo	600	70	91	—	21	37½	—
(*642½)	650	40	65	—	43½	62	—
HSBC	650	69½	88½	—	14½	32½	—
(*694)	700	38½	60	—	35	56	—
Reuter	1500	98	132	—	41½	74½	—
(*1534)	1550	70	104	—	64½	96	—
	Series	Dec	Feb	May	Dec	Feb	May
R-Royce	137	13½	16	—	8	10½	—
(*142)	156	5½	9	—	20½	27½	—
	Series	Oct	Dec	Mar	Oct	Dec	Mar
Fisons	160	12	16	22	4½	9½	14
(*166½)	180	3	7	13½	16½	22½	26
	Series	Nov	Feb	May	Nov	Feb	May
Eastrn Elc	550	31	41	49	9½	19½	22½
(*565½)	600	7½	17	25	39	47	49½
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Natl Pwr	360	35	43	49	5	9	14½
(*398)	390	16½	25	31½	17	22	27½
Scot Pwr	350	30½	—	—	5	—	—
(*370)	390	5	14	19½	24½	29	31

COMMODITIES

COMMODITIES REPORT: London coffee reversed early losses to end sharply higher as the market followed New York's lead. Cocoa also bounced off the day's lows having fallen in early trade, it firmed throughout the day, also taking it's cue from New York where short-covering and then renewed fund interest supported prices. Sugar had a quiet day.

LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE

COCOA

Sep	893-891	Dec	975-969
Dec	925-923	Mar	980-975
Mar	943-946	May	985-978
May	955-956	Jul	995-988
Jul	964-961		
Sep	969-967		Volume: 5438

ROBUSTA COFFEE ($)

Sep	1350-1334	May	1260-1257
Nov	1293-1281	Jul	1260-1251
Jan	1276-1275	Sep	1260-1251
Mar	1260-1257		Volume: 2248

RAW SUGAR (FOB)

		Dec	unq
Spot: unq		Mar	
May	unq	May	
Aug		Aug	
Oct			Volume: 0

WHITE SUGAR (FOB)

Reuters		Aug	283.4-82.2
Spot: 264.5		Oct	275.7-74.5
Dec	273.2-72.0	Dec	278.0-75.5
Mar	276.0-74.8	Mar	282.0-75.6
May	278.0-76.8		Volume: 113

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION
Average fatstock prices at representative markets on September 23

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	65.76	81.17	121.28
(+/-)	+1.02	+0.91	+2.03
Eng/Wales:	65.98	81.17	120.97
(+/-)	+0.92	+0.94	+2.14
(%)	+10.6	-23.5	-42.9
Scotland:	73.76	81.21	123.21
(+/-)	+1.83	+0.74	+1.67
(%)	n/a	-25.3	-51.1

LONDON MEAT FUTURES
Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close		Open	Close
Aug	unq	..	Mar	unq	..
Sep	unq	..			Volume: 0

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT (close £/t)

Nov	102.10
Jan	103.95
Mar	105.95
May	108.15
Jun	109.55
	Volume: 268

BARLEY (close £/t)

Sep	unq
Nov	102.70
Jan	104.90
Mar	106.70
May	107.90
	Volume: 93

HI-PRO SOYA (close £/t)

Aug	unq
Oct	...
Dec	...
Feb	...
Apr	...
	Volume: 0

POTATO

(£/t)	Open	Close
Nov	unq	75.0
Apr	86.1	86.7
May	unq	100.5
		Volume: 69

RUBBER
No 1 RSS Cif (p/k)
Oct 58.25-58.75

ICIS-LOR (London 6.00pm): The oil market remained nervous ahead of the Opec meeting this weekend in Geneva.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	15.85	-0.10
Brent 15 day (Oct)	16.00	-0.05
Brent 15 day (Nov)	16.20	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Nov)	17.50	-0.15
W Texas Intermediate (Dec)	17.75	-0.15

PRODUCTS ($/MT)
Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	180 (-1)	182 (-1)
Gasoil EEC	166 (-1)	167 (-1)
Non EEC 1H Oct	*168 (-2)*	*169 (-2)*
Non EEC 1H Nov	170 (-2)	171 (-2)
3.5 Fuel Oil	59 (n/c)	61 (n/c)
Naphtha	149 (-1)	150 (-2)

IPE FUTURES
GNI Ltd
GAS OIL

Oct	164.00-64.25	Jan	166.75-67.00
Nov	165.00-65.25	Feb	166.75-67.25
Dec	166.00-66.25	Mar	165.75-66.00
			Vol: 18015

BRENT (6.00pm)

Nov	16.20-16.22	Feb	16.76-16.82
Dec	16.42-16.45	Mar	16.91-16.97
Jan	16.58-16.63		Vol: 36528

UNLEADED GASOLINE

Oct	167.75-69.50	Jan	n/a
Nov	167.50-71.00	Feb	n/a
Dec	166.50-69.50		Vol: 120

BIFFEX
GNI Ltd ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Sep 93	1445	1440	1443
Oct 93	1490	1484	1485
Nov 93	1490	1486	1490
Jan 94	1480	1480	1477

Vol: 133 lots. Open int'st: 3199 Index 1424 +3

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE Rudolf Wolff

(Official) (Volume prev day)	Cash	3mth	Vol
Copper Gde A ($/tonne)	1757.0-1758.0	1769.0-1770.0	161890
Lead ($/tonne)	363.50-364.00	376.00-376.50	75825
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	880.00-880.50	897.00-897.50	214650
Tin ($/tonne)	4430.0-4435.0	4475.0-4480.0	18965
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1097.0-1098.0	1115.0-1116.0	1226200
Nickel ($/tonne)	4225.0-4226.0	4270.0-4275.0	58428

Shares end lower on the day

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began September 20. Dealings end October 1. §Contango day October 4. Settlement day October 11. §Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days. Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Changes, yields and price/earnings ratios are based on middle prices.

BANKS, DISCOUNT, HP

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
	345	Abbey Nd	403	-5	11.5	3.6	15.5
	179	Allied Irish	255	...	...	4.1	14.2
	130	Ans New Z	170	...	...	5.0	...
	2712½	Bankamerica	3019½	-18½	...	...	...
	177	Bk of Ireland	244	+1	...	5.0	19.6
	325	Bk Leumi UK	350	...	17.0	6.1	...
	116½	Bank Scotland	168	...	4.5	3.4	33.5
	362	Barclays	505	-2	...	...	...
4½	3	Benchmark	3½	...	...	...	...
	15½	Carlisle	21½	...	...	...	...
	395	Cater Allen	564	+9	27.0	6.0	...
	85	Cattles	135	...	...	3.9	18.0
	1787½	Chase Manh	2412½	+56½	...	...	...
	1343½	Citicorp	2375	+18½	...	...	...
	290	Close Bros	434	+4	11.0	3.2	...
	9275	Commerzbk	£123½	-325	...	...	...
	1250½	Deutsche Bk	£315	+196½	...	3.2	...
	45	First Nat Fin	95	+2	...	1.9	...
	876	Fuji Bank Y	1401	...	...	0.7	...
	343	Gerrard Nat	487	...	...	0.4	...
	490	HSBC	693½	+3	21.5	5.5	13.0
	474	HSBC HK	684	+9½	19.0	3.4	16.6
	243	Hambros	370	+10	19.0	2.5	16.4
	313	Joseph (L)	418	+4	14.0	4.7	17.1
	9½	King Shaxson	14½	...	16.6	5.0	...
	312	Kleinwort Ben	474	...	9.0	7.9	...
	492	Lloyds	553	+4	16.0	4.2	16.4
	63	Lon Scot Bk	69	+1	18.4	4.2	15.8
	322	Nat Aust Bk	498	...	3.0	3.8	19.6
	398	Nat West	496½	+6	...	3.8	18.4
	270	Provident	414	-1½	17.5	4.4	20.2
	39	Rea Bros	52	+9	11.4	3.4	17.9
	207	Ryl Bk Scot	306	+1	0.5	1.2	53.3
	467½	Schroders	1255	-4	8.8	3.6	...
	576	Stand Chart	940	+2	...	1.1	25.0
	145½	TSB	209	-1	20.0	2.7	...
	78	Union Disc	175	...	6.4	3.8	...
	529	Warburg SG	779	+7	...	...	...
	4843½	Wells Fargo	7975	+287½	...	3.0	19.7
	121	Westpac	165	...	...	1.3	...
	188	Wintrust	283	...	9.3	4.1	25.3

BREWERIES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
	517	Allied-Lyons	571	-12	...	4.6	15.4
	441	Bass	463	-13	18.9	5.1	10.1
	189	Boddington	271	...	7.3	3.4	15.8
	362	Bulmer (HP)	449	-1	...	2.8	19.6
	107	Burn Stewart	114	-1	...	5.5	8.9
	129	Burtonwd Brw	158	...	4.7	3.8	13.2
	75	Eldridge P 'A'	128	...	...	3.2	33.9
	50	Fosters Brewing	57	+1	...	4.5	∞
	338	Fullr Sm 'A'	422	...	7.4	2.2	18.3
	383	Grand Met	407½	-6½	12.3	3.8	13.4
	347	Greenalls Grp	378	...	11.7	3.9	12.5
	505	Greene King	562	...	...	2.7	15.9
	426	Guinness	427	-32	...	3.5	15.1
	230	Hardy Hansn	262	...	7.9	3.8	14.6
	105	Heavitree	120	...	3.0	3.2	28.6
	255	Highland Distl	333	...	6.0	2.3	22.1
	2538	Holt J	2988	...	41.0	1.7	19.5
	33	Hoskins Brew	75	-1	...	...	54.0
	250	Invrgordn Dist	281	-1	...	3.1	16.0
	136	Macallan-Glen	138	+2	0.9	0.8	30.9
	375	Macdo Marto 'A'	385	...	...	2.9	18.4
	164	Mansfield	216	...	...	2.2	15.5
	231	Marston Thmp	229	...	...	2.4	16.9
	328½	Matthew Clark	470	...	...	4.5	13.8
	253	Mrrydwn W	275	...	7.0	3.2	21.7
	455	Morland	538	...	8.4	2.0	21.4
	6½	Paramount	10	...	...	2.1	17.2
	145	Regent Inns	177	...	...	3.2	17.7
	753	SA Breweries	844	+9	...	3.1	14.8
	408	Scot & New	475	-1	...	4.4	14.8
	181	Taunton Cider	204	-1	6.0	3.7	16.7
	213	Vaux Group	242	...	9.3	4.8	16.7
	225	Wetherspoon JD	325	...	...	1.8	26.3
	436	Whitbread 'A'	530	-7	...	4.2	14.3
	850	-do- 'B'	1375	-38	...	1.6	34.5
	473	Wolvrhmptn D	475	...	11.4	3.0	13.3
	475	Young 'A'	478	...	14.5	3.8	19.8

BUILDING, ROADS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
	73	Abbey	120	...	...	1.0	45.0
	12½	Albrighton	18	...	...	...	...
	87	Allen	130	...	...	4.8	29.5
	65	Amec	107	...	3.0	...	19.5
	4	Anglia Sec	8½	...	...	...	...
	155	Ashstead	302	-1	4.5	1.9	48.5
	101	Attwoods	130	+1	5.0	4.8	18.8
	180	BPB Ind	262	+1	...	3.6	45.1
	57	Baggeridge Brk	89	+2	3.1	4.4	29.9
	18	Bailey (Ben) Con	27	...	...	2.6	...
	74	Barratt	105	-1	1.2	1.5	19.1
	32½	Bardon	44	...	2.0	5.7	21.7
	94	Barratt Devs	191	+4	4.0	2.3	∞
	305	Bellway	447	...	...	3.4	25.9
	15	Bellwinch	41	...	...	...	...
	295½	Berkeley Gp	425	+2	...	1.8	28.6
	45	Bett Bros	108	...	...	0.6	4.4
	36	Blockleys	54	-1	1.0	2.3	99.7
	189	Blue Circle	271	+3	...	5.2	...
	230	Boot (Henry)	270	...	5.0	2.7	15.1
	78	Breedon PLC	89	...	4.6	6.5	21.5
	82	Br Dredging	117	...	5.2	5.7	25.4
	45	Brit Fittings	83	...	1.5	2.3	...
	99	Bryant	145	+1	4.8	4.2	∞
	53	CALA	98	+1	2.3	3.0	∞
	200	CRH	284	...	...	3.0	20.0
	18	Cakebread Rby	40	...	...	...	...
	23	Costain	36½	+½	...	...	...
	86½	Countryside	140	+1	...	3.7	37.0
	38	Crest Nicholson	93	+1	0.0	...	...
	27	Cussins	103	...	...	1.2	...
	1½	Dunton	3	...	...	...	...
	15	Edmond Hldgs	19½	+1	0.5	...	...
	178	Epwin	272	...	6.8	3.1	23.0
	32	Erith	59	+5	0.3	0.7	...
	252	Eve Group	473	...	...	3.6	17.1
	3½	Explaura	4	...	...	...	...
	97	Freeman Gp	130	...	...	4.8	20.7
	38	Galliford	46	...	4.3	...	18.5
	52	Gibbs & Dandy	72	...	...	1.7	...
	695	Gleeson (MJ)	923	...	12.7	1.7	15.0
	90	Hewden-Stuart	135	...	...	3.0	30.7
	28	Hewetson	46	...	...	3.4	34.0
	180	Heywd Wim	333	+3	12.5	4.2	...
	37	Higgs & Hill	106	...	2.5	2.0	...
	26	How Gp	31	-1	...	5.5	...
	15	Howard Hldgs	21	...	0.5	3.0	...
	39	Ibstock Johnsen	77	+1	1.0	1.6	...
	12½	Jarvis	19	...	...	...	...
	196	Laing (J)	303	...	9.0	3.7	12.1
	103	-do- 6.4% Cv Pf	124½	...	...	6.4	...
	35	Lo Clydesdale	95	...	4.5	5.9	35.8
	10½	Lovell (YJ)	16½	...	...	...	7.5
	280	Manders	327	...	9.0	3.4	20.0
	93	Marley	154	+1	4.2	3.4	45.3
	61	Marshalls	182	...	...	4.9	70.2
	122	Maunders (J)	177	...	4.9	3.5	16.2
	96	McAlpine (A)	214	...	6.5	3.8	37.0
	23	McCarthy & S	37	...	0.5	...	...
	272	Meyer Int	418	+22	...	3.0	41.9
	62	Mowlem (J)	120	+2	4.0	4.2	...
	51	NSM	136	+6	...	...	...
	48	Needler	48	...	...	3.7	23.3
	106	Newman Tnks	138	...	...	...	18.4
	197	Persimmon	288	+3	8.6	3.7	29.4
	12	Phoenix Timber	14	...	...	...	...
	1237½	Pochins	1525	...	29.0	2.4	9.3
	80	Prowting	161	...	3.4	2.6	...
	1½	Quilligotti	2½	...	...	...	...
	553	RMC Gp	794	+2	...	3.2	28.6
	75½	Raine Ind	92	+4	6.0	8.2	15.4
	18	Ransom	30	...	...	...	...
	402	Redland	533	+3	25.0	5.9	31.0
	64	Roskel	71	...	4.3	7.7	10.3
	207	Rugby Group	268	+4	6.4	3.0	20.5
	23	Svrild-Rvea	50	...	...	0.6	...
	68	Sharpe & Fisher	131	...	...	3.9	22.5
	86½	Sheffield Insl	232	...	...	2.9	96.9
	82	Sheriff Hldgs	163	...	...	1.5	34.3
	66	Shorco	84	+3	...	7.7	19.1
	196	Smart (J)	225	...	8.5	4.7	10.2
	2½	Starmin	3½	-½	...	3.8	...
	100	Tarmac	141	+4	5.5	4.9	...
	132	Tay Homes	173	...	5.8	4.2	11.1
	63	Taylor Woodrw	121	...	1.0	1.0	...
	433	Tilbury Dougls	599	+4	33.0	7.0	19.3
	19	Torex Hlrea	37	...	...	1.4	...
	168	Travis Perkins	225	+30	8.0	3.7	48.0
	28	Try Group	29	+1	1.0	4.3	8.2
	25	Tudor	25	...	...	1.3	...
	41	Vibroplant	83	...	2.5	3.8	29.8
	20	Ward Hldgs	46	...	...	...	...
	25	Warehouse	33	...	...	...	...
	360	Watts Blake	425	...	...	3.5	18.3
	8	Wescol	23	...	...	...	...
	90	Westbury	164	+2	5.0	3.8	25.6
	4½	West Scaffold	7½	...	...	...	...
	5	Wiggins	9 #	...	...	...	...
	371	Wilson Bowdn	464	+6	8.7	3.3	31.8
	147	Wilson (C)	194	+5	3.9	2.5	33.6
	104	Wimpey G	178	+1	...	3.7	...
	25	YRM	32	...	0.5	2.0	...

BUSINESS SERVICES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
675	463	ADT	638	...	...	...	...
228	198	Adam & Harvey	228	...	12.0	6.6	4.2
92	56	Air London	75	...	...	5.8	9.3
56	37	African Lakes	47	...	2.0	5.3	...
178	125	Auto Sec	149	+1	...	4.4	26.7
138	84	BET Ord	130	+1	...	3.1	5.2
101	41	BNB Res	101	...	4.9	6.1	...
316	258	BPP	311	...	8.0	3.2	17.2
285	145	Barbour Index	219	...	8.0	4.6	14.9
24	15	Boustead	23	...	0.7	...	...
265	184	Brit Data Mgt	240	...	4.7	2.5	∞
26	11	Broadcastle	26	...	...	1.2	20.7
73	54	Brooks Service	65	...	...	...	...
109	86	CRT Gp	100	-4	...	3.5	17.2
193	139½	Capita Group	189	...	...	1.4	28.5
45	31	Casket Plc	43	...	...	2.3	16.5
55	18½	Chiltern Capital	21½	...	...	...	...
51	26	Christie	48	...	...	...	...
370	228	Chubb Sec	337	-1	...	1.8	20.9
100	78	Cornace	94	-1	...	2.0	23.5
34	6½	Corp Services	32	-1	...	...	...
52	20	Coutts Cnsltg	50	...	...	...	...
110	50	Dart	107	...	3.3	3.9	14.5
256	198	Davis Service	222	...	...	4.5	16.7
104	85	EW Facs	95	...	4.3	5.7	10.9
32	11	Gardiner	31	...	0.6	...	21.5
257	215	Hays	253	-1	5.3	2.7	∞
248	174	Hogg Robinsn	254	...	...	3.7	16.5
70	35	Holmes Protectn	36	...	...	...	2.2
208	127	Hston Whamp	204	+9	...	2.3	17.4
2062½	975	ISS B DKr	1900	...	...	5.6	2.5
657	519	Inchcape	525	-5	...	3.3	16.9
863	669	Johnson Clean	848	...	25.7	3.8	18.5
12	2½	Lep	10	...	...	...	...
288	173	Mine Gp	285	...	3.5	1.5	22.2
1187	893	Manpower	1096	...	...	...	...
62	40	Michael Page	61½	+½	1.8	3.7	26.1
279	162	Pennas	167	...	...	7.5	6.3
4½	2	Prime People	2½	...	...	...	...
142	74	Proudfoot Alex	82	...	...	...	4.4
423	37	RCO	387	...	12.8	4.5	13.3
118	92	REA	92	-2	4.0	5.4	...
106	43	Reed Executive	104	...	...	...	...
156	110	Reliance Secs	174	...	...	4.9	24.7
328	178	Rentokil	305	...	2.3	1.4	25.6
295	220	Rolfe & Nolan	250	...	...	3.6	14.1
399	334	Salvesen (C)	362	...	...	2.7	19.9
39	26	Scott Pickfords	38	...	...	2.6	12.1
6½	5	Select Appts	6	...	...	...	...
1148	695	Serco Gp	1148	...	14.0	1.5	31.8
352	124	Sterad Cmps	148	...	...	5.9	4.3
130	90	Sketchley	100	...	...	3.8	22.9
355	310	Warner Howard	345	...	6.5	2.4	18.0
45	27	Welpac	32	...	...	...	...
26½	14	Wills Gp	25	...	0.4	2.0	∞

CHEMICALS, PLASTICS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
246	210	Allied Colloids	242	+1	...	2.2	21.3
861	613	Amersham	824	+10	...	2.0	28.5
2	1½	Anglo Utd	2	...	...	...	...
£104½	8125	BASF DM	£103½	+37½	...	3.1	...
297	199	BTP	271	+1	...	4.3	18.7
£123½	£101½	Bayer DM50	£122	+46½	...	4.3	...
178	134	Blagden	166	...	9.5	...	17.9
165	93	Brent Chems	116	...	...	8.1	10.5
530	345	Br Bio-Tech	383	+4	...	...	...
24	12	Caird Gp	13	...	...	12.8	26.1
153	126	Canning (W)	147	+3	7.2	6.3	16.5
628	524	Courtaulds	519½	+1½	...	3.4	13.8
335	229	Croda	329	...	...	2.9	18.9
140	121	Dacfics	135	...	4.6	4.3	10.4
225	175	Ellis & Everard	214	-2	...	4.1	20.5
38½	15½	Euro Colour	38½	...	0.8	2.7	22.3
328	24½	Halstead (J)	32	...	...	2.3	16.4
241	167	Hickson	180	...	...	5.6	16.7
£114½	8650	Hoechst	£112	+112½	...	3.1	...
225	195	Holliday Chem	225	...	...	2.1	20.7
740½	608	ICI	697	-5	...	4.9	...
669	576	Laporte	651	+1	19.5	3.7	18.0
230	151	Leigh	214	...	...	4.6	28.6

MISCELLANEOUS (continued)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
97½	35	MTM	64	...	...	...	...
1900	1467½	Norsk Hydro	1737½	+12½	...	1.7	26.7
464	370	Paterson Zoch	461	...	11.4	3.1	19.9
420	360	-do- 'A'	419	...	11.4	3.4	18.1
296	221	Plysu	237	...	...	3.7	15.5
265	177	Purvalr	265	...	3.6	1.7	28.3
70	35	Stackille Speak	59	...	...	...	...
485	412	Wardle Storeys	467	-1	18.0	4.3	18.8
535	395	Wistoholme R	520	...	17.0	4.1	17.0
401	330	Yorks Chem	374	...	...	3.6	20.0
306	238	Yule Catto	259	+1	5.9	2.9	15.7
765	593	Zeneca	721	-6	...	4.8	42.6

DRAPERY, STORES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
102	53	Alexon	64	...	...	5.9	...
82	42	Amber Day	71	...	3.1	5.5	19.5
352	257	Argos Plc	340	+1½	...	2.6	28.8
25	12	Ashley Group	15	+½	...	...	...
118	69	Ashley (Laura)	87	-22	0.1	0.1	...
318	278	Asprey	318	...	5.1	2.0	22.0
134	94	Austin Reed	131	...	...	2.4	...
155	125	Beattie (J) 'A'	150	...	...	5.0	15.1
121	94	Bentalls	97	...	1.9	2.4	...
278	208	Betterware	222	-4	...	7.1	26.6
41	22	Blacks Lelr	41	...	2.2	6.0	...
227	133	Body Shop	182	...	...	1.2	23.5
16½	11½	Brown & Jackson	13	...	...	0.8	6.5
401	318	Brown (N)	392	...	...	2.2	23.0
87½	64½	Burton	72	-1½	...	3.5	...
155	126	Castors	155	...	4.0	3.1	∞
360	295	Church	345	...	12.5	4.5	30.7
163	97	Clinton Cards	156	...	4.2	3.4	18.8
262	212	Coats Viyella	254	+2½	...	3.6	26.1
112	78	Colourvision	103	...	5.6	6.8	18.5
700	374	Courts Furnish	695	...	5.5	1.0	8.7
155	115	Crown Eyes	136	...	...	6.5	9.2
129	99	Dairy Farm Intl	121	+2	...	3.0	18.1
87	51½	Dawhirst (I)	83	-1	1.0	1.5	26.6
281	180	Dixons Grp	262	+1	...	3.0	...
413	330	Dunhill	371	-1	8.1	2.7	14.4
21	12	ERA Gp	12	...	...	...	...
530	400	Elys (Wimbldn)	530	...	16.0	3.8	18.2
166	71	Essex Furn	165	...	...	2.1	28.0
273	203	Etam	268	...	6.9	3.2	24.6
608	499	Fine Art Dev	584	...	12.7	2.7	19.1
50	26	Fired Earth Tiles	48	+3	...	...	...
558	498	Forminster	555	...	14.0	3.2	10.1
180	24	French Conn	150	...	...	...	...
74	43	Gent SR	62	...	2.1	4.3	∞
88	23	Goldsmiths Gp	77	-1	0.3	0.5	...
3900	2600	GUS	3900	+62	...	1.4	30.4
2190	1563	-do- 'A'	2190	+30	...	2.5	17.0
40	29	Hampden Grp	29	-2	...	4.3	14.4
277	30	Harristone	63	...	...	5.6	...
20½	20	Helene Plc	20½	...	2.0	9.5	12.5
72	29	Herlage	68	...	...	...	...
71	35	Honeysuckle	70	...	...	1.8	9.9
153	63	Jacques Vert	144	-2	...	2.6	11.0
691	496	Kingfisher	662	+4	...	2.6	21.7
74	62½	Leslie Wise Gp	68	...	4.0	7.4	14.0
685	495	Liberty	580	...	7.2	1.6	68.1
320	241	Lloyds Chem	264	...	5.5	2.6	10.4
152	120	MFI	146	-2	...	3.2	30.7
399½	311	Marks Spencer	377	-7	...	2.7	20.7
565	445	Menzies (John)	556	...	...	2.4	15.8
230	135	Moss Bros	229	...	5.5	3.0	26.9
212	139½	Next	207	-1½	2.5	1.5	24.5
41	15	Oliver (G)	39½	-1½	...	...	...
303	197	Ottilame Intl	298	...	...	4.0	14.6
63	38½	Pentos	43	...	1.5	4.4	9.0
313	185	QS Hldgs	205	...	5.1	3.2	14.6
43	20½	Rhino Grp	41	...	...	...	...
181	135	Sherwood Gp	157	-2	...	2.1	14.1
119	93	Sears	119	+1	...	3.7	...
41½	11	Signet Group	29	+½	...	...	...
498	400	Smith WH 'A'	437	...	...	4.1	14.5
20	4½	Specialeyes	19	-1	...	...	...
228	176	Storehouse	223	+1	...	2.8	28.8
191	148	T & S Stores	166	...	5.9	4.4	12.4
160	71	Tie Rack	155	...	1.0	0.8	25.4
231	160	Time Products	220	...	7.5	4.3	19.0
128	63	Usher (Frank)	122	...	...	5.1	9.6
45	27	Vivat	36	...	1.0	3.5	11.1
40	34	Wensum	34	...	...	6.7	...
119	76	Wickes	112	+10	...	0.2	50.8
78	45	Wid of Leather	66	+2	...	...	...
198	146	Wyevale	187	...	...	2.7	24.7
4	2½	Xtra-vision	3½	...	...	...	...

ELECTRICALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
187	134	ACT Group	177	...	...	3.5	17.8
240	223	Acsis	240	...	...	3.3	16.7
162½	38	Acorn Compu	112	+2	...	...	56.8
480	385	Admiral	455	-4	5.4	1.5	19.2
170	104	Alba	169	+1	...	3.6	21.2
50	19½	Alphameric	42	-2	...	...	...
42	22	Amstrad	42	+½	0.4	...	...
128	61	App Holo	75	...	...	...	...
41	9½	Arlen	40	...	...	...	...
91	35½	Astec	77½	+½	...	0.4	1.2
283	243	Beales Hunter	244	...	...	4.8	15.1
9	3½	Bennett & Fount	4	...	...	...	...
446	319	BICC	413	+7	19.2	5.9	...
575	435	Blick	475	-3	9.2	2.4	18.5
1700	925	Borland	1000	+50	...	...	...
371	274	Bowthorpe	359	+1	6.3	2.2	23.3
445½	376	BT	429½	+4	...	4.5	20.3
188½	150	BT P/P	185	+5	...	4.4	21.0
12	5½	Bulgin (AF) 'A'	11½	-½	0.1	1.1	...
160	108	Burnfield	109	...	5.7	6.6	17.2
875	669	Cable Wireless	861	+8	...	2.2	22.5
24½	11½	Chloride	22½	+½	...	...	...
273	229	CML Micro	271	...	...	2.2	19.7
115	74	Compr People	100	...	0.6	0.8	...
164	108½	Cray Elect	141	...	...	1.3	14.5
424	243	Critchley	415	+2	...	1.8	∞
554	414	Delta	510	...	...	3.4	21.0
360	305	Denmans Ele	359	...	...	2.1	15.3
620	395	Domino	469	...	7.2	1.9	16.0
65	48	Dowding Mills	60	...	2.5	5.2	∞
1105	865	Drucks	1103	...	10.0	1.1	23.5
469	358	Electrocomps	443	-1	...	2.2	18.1
580	470	El Data Prc	558	...	5.1	1.1	15.3
133	43	Electron House	129	+1	2.6	2.5	28.3
30½	10½	Emess	22½	...	0.1	0.6	...
602	442	Eurotherm	597	...	8.0	1.7	27.2
155	108	FKI	144	-1	...	2.6	21.1
465	340	Farnell Elect	457	...	...	1.7	34.2
91	33	Feedback	88	...	...	2.1	11.5
18	7½	Ferranti	10	...	...	...	...
259	101	First Tech	257	...	1.0	0.5	...
220	81	Forward Gp	200	...	...	1.6	23.5
22½	19	Forward Tech	20	...	...	...	...
363	264	GEC	350½	+5	10.3	3.7	17.6
198	132	Graseby	185	-1	...	7.4	38.9
14½	7½	Gooowate	12	...	...	...	...
36	26	Hitchens	36	...	...	...	...
169	83	INSTEM	151	-1	...	1.7	11.7
388	320	Jones Stroud	378	...	...	2.6	10.8
19	8	Kembrey	14	...	...	2.9	15.2
343	260	Kenwood App	333	...	0.1	1.4	...
249	47	Kewill Sys	234	...	...	2.9	18.7
209	100	Kode	180	-5	5.5	3.8	21.3
60	16	Laser-Scan	35	-3	...	...	...
366	122	LDDS	262	-5	...	0.4	26.9
256	240	Lee Refrig	253	...	9.0	4.4	...
179	134	Life Sciences	141	...	3.5	3.1	15.3
269	164	Logica	252	...	4.0	2.0	∞
55	44	LPA Inds	55	...	...	8.0	15.5
229	162	MR Data Mngmt	217	...	4.3	2.5	20.7
683	523	Macro 4	653	...	...	3.4	19.8
898	527	Meader-Swt	674	-3	...	2.0	19.9
3013	1735	Micro Focus	1758	-2	...	...	16.2
227	147	Microgen	164	...	7.2	5.5	11.2
35	23½	Microvitec	30½	+1	...	...	...
529	357	Mitys	499	...	...	1.8	18.2
576	98	MRel	576	+65	...	...	...
138	108	MMT Compu	128	...	...	3.4	16.3
50½	16	Molynx	49½	+1½	1.3	...	...
272	202	MTL Instr	254	...	...	1.8	19.0
165	105	Multitone Elect	115	...	3.5	3.8	∞
221	116	Murray Enter	206	...	1.8	1.1	...
3206½	2612½	NYNEX	3175	+25	...	...	...
188	136	Neuronics	135	...	2.6	2.4	17.4
65	42	Newmark (L)	61	...	...	...	...
237	58	Northain	237	...	...	0.8	18.2
75	20	Northamber	55	-1	0.6	1.4	...
15½	9	Oceonics	12½	...	...	...	...
285	195	Oxford Inst	279	+2	4.5	2.0	19.2
83	48	P-E Internat	70	...	...	...	...
81½	29	P & P	71	...	1.4	2.5	37.7
80	55	Peek	72	...	3.4	6.0	18.5
222	115	Pegasus	209	-1	...	3.8	57.6
9500	9000	Philips Fn 4%	9500	...	...	6.1	...
1312½	725	-do- Lnp nv	1300	+37½	...	...	...
255	211	Phonelink	255	+2	...	...	...
280	171½	Pilco	280	...	...	1.8	24.3
280	151½	-do- 'A' Voting	280	...	...	1.8	23.5
96	63	Plasmec	64	...	...	...	5.4
130	76	Pressac	112	-2	2.4	2.7	22.6
135	81	Psion	121	...	...	2.6	32.1
261	160	Racal Elect	228	...	4.2	2.3	13.6
70	45	Radamec	66	...	...	2.8	14.1
70	31	Radius	34	...	2.7	...	11.7
92	61	Real Time	69	...	...	5.4	14.2
35	18	Rivas	23	...	...	...	20.2
620	367	Sage Gp	448	+1	9.0	2.5	14.4
348	222	Sanderson Elec	348	...	9.0	3.2	14.8
88	49	Seamonic	79	...	3.1	4.9	19.9
181	117	Scholes Grp	175	-3	5.0	3.6	∞
375	270	Sema Gp	330	...	2.8	1.1	26.8
42	26	Silverines	40	...	...	...	...
50	37	Soundtracks	47	...	...	5.9	15.9
2675	1737½	TDK	2337½	...	...	1.4	26.0
27	4½	TDS Circuits	12½	...	...	...	...
188	80	Telemetrix	186	+8	0.8	0.5	30.6
1017	809	THORN EMI	944	-33	...	4.2	19.3
111	96	Thorpe FW	110	...	2.5	2.8	11.3
103	58	Total Systems	58	...	3.0	6.5	10.3
509	372	Tunstall	499	-3	6.0	1.5	20.0
294	164	Unitech	286	...	...	2.7	67.8
11½	6	Vesity	7	...	...	...	...
35	24	Vistec	29½	...	...	...	...
505	367	Vodafone	491½	-2½	...	1.6	16.9
473	368	Volex	458	...	17.8	4.9	18.8
26	11	Western Selecm	22	...	...	...	...
290	223	Wholesale Ftgs	288	-1	11.7	5.1	30.6

ELECTRICITY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
549	389	East Midlands	545	...	...	4.5	10.2
569	399	Eastern Elect	566	+4	...	4.2	11.3
384	304	Hydro-Elect	376	-3	...	3.8	13.6
576	404	London Elect	571	-3	...	4.3	12.7
615	458	Manweb	615	+8	...	4.3	8.9
591	424½	Midlands Elec	588	+6	...	4.3	10.5
390	273	National Power	387½	-5	...	3.4	11.5
616	440	Northern Elec	614	+6	...	4.4	8.9
188	100	Nthn Ireland	187	-1	...	4.1	10.3
607	439	Norweb	592	-1	20.0	4.2	9.2
430	273	PowerGen	418	-2	...	3.1	11.0
377	285	Scottish Power	370	-6½	...	3.8	13.7
626	436	Seeboard	621	+4	...	4.0	10.0
618	409	Sth Wales	615	+7	...	4.5	10.3
577	426	Sth Western	570	+2	...	4.4	9.1
573	408	Southern Elec	573	+5	...	4.2	10.5
592½	455	Yorkshire Elec	592½	+4½	...	4.3	11.2

FINANCE, LAND

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
60½	50	Aitken Hume	56	...	1.0	2.2	11.5
125	47	BWD	117	...	...	3.4	18.3
93	26	Baltic Plc	93	...	...	1.3	...
550	413	Caledonia	546	+5	...	3.4	20.1

FINANCIAL TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
2356½	1487½	Amer Express	2269½	+37½	...	...	...
1100	835	Henderson Ad	1025	+10	...	5.1	23.6
200	92	Invesco	165	+8	...	2.3	...
244	164	Jardine Strs	239	+6	...	3.3	11.0
236	154	MAI	228	+5	6.9	3.9	∞
692	389	MAM	663	+5	15.0	2.8	16.6
990	633	M & G	939	+1	...	2.9	25.0
342	109	Smith New Ct	324	+6½	...	2.3	4.9
81	55	Trio Hldgs	75	...	...	5.0	...

FOODS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1525	1075	Camellia	1525	...	...	2.4	5.7
313	243	Candover	297	+1	10.2	4.3	21.0
150	71	Fleetech	145	-1	...	0.4	...
335	155	Covell	316	+1	...	4.8	9.9
188	125	Ivory Sime	172	...	...	4.7	16.2
6½	3	LIT	4½	...	...	...	...
12	11	Lightship	12 #	...	...	...	...
240	154	Lon Forfaitng	222	...	8.4	4.7	16.1
67	47	Manakin	62	...	5.0	10.1	∞
12½	3½	Nat Home Loan	9	...	...	...	...
52	40	Newmarket	51	...	...	...	...
341	246	Rathbone Brs	338	...	6.0	2.3	19.9
26	17	Rutland Tst	25½	...	...	3.9	15.1
330	253	S & U	320	...	10.0	3.9	11.9
83	48	Singer & Fried	79	...	...	4.7	...
975	713	Sotheby's	775	-½	...	4.4	...
155	83	STP Capital	147	+1	3.0	2.6	60.6
538½	456	AB Food	486	-1	14.0	3.6	11.1
77½	53	ASDA Group	59½	-2½	1.6	3.4	14.3
305	170	Acatos & Hutch	274	...	6.5	3.0	15.8
76	65	Albert Fisher	72½	-1	3.7	6.5	12.1
407	287	Argyll	292½	-10½	...	4.7	10.8
174	117	Assoc Fisheries	159	...	...	6.3	3.3
228	160	Banks (S C)	225	...	9.0	5.0	10.0
402	310	Barr (AG)	335	...	6.5	2.4	16.9
85	57	Bensons Crsps	68	...	...	5.5	14.6
141	112½	Berisford Intl	129	...	...	...	...
435	357	Booker	402	+3	...	6.9	34.2
52	35	Borthwick	47	...	...	3.2	58.4
505	430	Brake Bros	488	...	6.2	1.6	20.2
51	38	Budgen	47	...	...	2.7	14.3
503	407	Cadbury-Schw	457	-3½	...	3.6	16.1
120	78	Carrs Milling	119	...	3.9	4.1	23.8
196	156	Cranswick	193	...	...	5.2	14.4
22	8½	Cullens	15	...	0.5	4.2	43.1
384	150	Dalepak	190	...	6.0	3.9	15.0
521	424	Dalgety	492	-1	...	5.3	13.6
54	27	Daniels S	50	...	...	0.6	...
242	191	Devro	232½	-3½	...	3.0	22.1
134	99	Everest	108	-4	3.7	4.4	∞
372	269	Fitzpak	371	...	5.7	1.9	22.8
10	3	Farringford	8½	...	...	...	...
94	64	Finlay (James)	76	...	...	7.0	24.6
125	78	Fyffes	98	...	...	1.5	17.8
483	328	Geest	374	+4	8.1	2.7	16.7
16	7	Global	14½	-½	...	4.4	22.3
47	43	Grand Central	47	+2	1.2	3.3	∞
203	147	Hazlewood Fds	184	...	...	4.3	10.4
175	131	Hillsdown	157	-2	8.8	7.1	12.1
250	200	Iceland Group	200	-9	...	2.1	12.6
131	103	JLI Group	118	...	...	4.9	13.1
853	655	Kwik Save	686	-20	16.0	2.9	13.1
262	174	Low (Wm)	185	...	8.4	5.7	9.0
79	41	Matthews (B)	74	+1	2.2	3.8	48.5
19½	12½	Merchant Retail	17½	...	1.1	7.9	35.8
174	105	Morrison (W)	106	-23	...	0.9	13.8
568	443	Nichols (JN)	543	...	13.6	3.1	15.7
291	242	Nthn Foods	249	-8	...	4.2	12.4
20½	9½	Nthmbrn Fns	12	...	...	...	...
229	172	Nurdin Peack	191	-2	...	4.0	10.6
250	205	Park Foods	234	...	...	3.2	16.0
115	78	Perkins Food	91	...	...	2.4	10.5
109	47	PizzaExpress	103	...	...	0.6	58.9
9	1½	Regina Hlth	5½	...	...	...	...
584	419	Sainsbury J	420	-20	...	3.0	14.7
86	33	Sentry Farms	78	...	...	2.4	14.0
225	94	Sims Food	115	...	...	8.2	22.2
439	355½	Tate & Lyle	375	-2	12.0	4.0	11.8
273	195	Tesco	197½	-11	...	4.6	9.0
211	123	Thorntons	163	...	3.6	2.8	15.2
183	101	Treats	165	...	...	2.7	18.8
410	300	Unigate	385	-12	...	5.2	12.6
437	340½	Utd Biscuits	351	...	...	5.5	21.4
24½	18½	Usborne	20	...	...	5.0	∞
337	249	Watson & Phil	304	+3	13.3	5.5	15.9

HOTELS, CATERERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	12	Abrdn Stk Hse	22	...	...	...	...
91	77	City Centre Rest	89½	-½	1.5	2.2	21.6
250	170	Forte	226	...	...	4.1	17.7
220	155	Friendly Hotels	169	+2	...	4.5	31.3
11½	5	Harmony Leis	10½	...	...	...	...
135½	87	Jarys Hotel	122½	...	...	5.2	16.8
222½	154	Ladbroke	189½	+2½	11.1	7.6	15.8
73	59	Mandarin Orntl	66	...	...	5.1	16.4
59	44	Queens Moat	47 #	...	2.8	7.6	6.3
99	83	-do- 7¾% cvpr	85 #	...	7.5	11.0	...
	½	Regal Hotels	...	...	...	...	...
55	28	Resort Hotels	45 #	...	3.4	9.6	8.8
24	11½	Ryan Hotels K	18	...	...	5.6	...
855	700	Savoy Hotel 'A'	813	...	7.0	1.1	...
66	34½	Stakis	61	...	...	0.9	...

INDUSTRIALS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
218	47	AAF Inds	56	...	...	19.6	3.4
636	455	AAH	543	-5	...	4.0	17.4
177	140	AIM	172	...	7.5	5.5	10.4
132	88	APV	95	...	...	7.1	...
238	81	ASW	208	...	...	3.6	...
198	134	Admest	190	-1	7.0	4.6	22.0
29	10	Aerospace Eng	22	+2	...	4.3	28.9
279	249	Airsprung	278	...	...	3.0	17.8
159	113	Alexdra W	159	+4	3.8	3.0	43.9
13½	6½	Allied Radio	10½	...	...	...	...
570	415	Alumasc	570	...	11.7	2.6	∞
48	17	Alvis	42	...	1.0	3.0	8.6
535	345	Amber Ind	525	...	...	4.4	12.0
45	18	Amberley Gp	38	...	...	3.3	...
107	78	Anagen	81	-1	...	...	...
145	82	Andrews Sykes	105	...	...	3.2	...
945	703	Anglo-Angla	915	+55	...	2.2	16.8
54½	37	Armour	53½	...	1.6	3.9	∞
170	143	Ash & Lacy	155	...	6.4	5.2	15.9
4	2½	Ass Br Eng	3½	...	...	1.8	...
541½	434	Avon Rubber	523	...	...	3.9	20.9
250	168	Assoc Nursg	248	...	...	0.5	15.2
687½	544½	Atlas Equip	680	...	...	4.0	17.1
68	35	Ayrshire Metal	60	...	...	...	...
182	147	BBA	173	...	...	5.4	14.7
65	28	BLP Group	53	+3	...	...	...
77	13	BM Gp	27½	-½	5.0	...	1.0
770	627	BOC	631	-5	23.2	4.6	13.8
79½	62	BSG	71	...	...	5.7	24.5
483	353	BSS Group	483	...	...	4.7	22.7
409½	318	BTR	384	-2	...	3.7	20.4
221	155	BWI	170	-2	6.7	4.9	16.4
50	29	Babcock	34	-2	...	7.7	20.3
9	4½	Bailey (CH)	8½	...	...	...	...
289	240	Baird (Wm)	278	...	8.9	4.1	19.0
1062½	550	Barlow Rand	556½	...	...	5.9	3.3
65	48	Baynes (Charles)	61	...	...	2.9	25.0
15	5	Beauford	7	...	...	...	...
10	6	Beckenham	6	...	...	...	...
34	15	Bedford (W)	27	...	...	...	...
27½	15	Benson Group	16½	-½	0.3	2.3	∞
707	461	Bespak	515	-1	10.0	2.4	16.1
133	73	Bibby (J)	86	-1	9.7	...	5.1
313	129	Billam (J)	253	-6	5.0	2.5	12.8
41	21½	Bilston Bttrsea	38	-3	...	...	...
11½	3½	Bimec Ind	5½	...	...	...	...
201	118½	Birkby	201	...	3.5	2.2	19.0
45	32	Black Arrow	38	...	2.6	8.6	∞
1½	½	Black & Edgtn	1½	...	...	...	...
238	136	Black (Peter)	230	+2	3.7	2.0	∞
562	129	Bluebird Toys	519	-26	...	1.1	32.4
322	247	Bodycote	292	...	...	2.2	18.5
40	23	Bogod 'A'	28	...	0.7	3.1	10.4
563	416	Boots	482	-5	...	3.5	17.9
61	42	Booth Inds	50	...	0.7	1.8	...
523	435½	Bowater	462	+2	...	3.1	19.3
1682	1180	Bowater Inc	1209	+20	...	...	...
274	199	Boxmore Intl	272	...	...	1.7	20.4
19	12½	Braeway	14	...	0.5	4.6	∞
303	204	Brammer	285	...	13.0	5.7	21.2
27	12	Bridgend Gp	26	...	0.4	2.1	...
123	64	Bridon	118	...	...	4.3	...
88	53	Bridport-Gndry	81	...	4.1	6.3	15.2
48	31	Brierley Inv	44	...	...	7.5	∞
308	345	Br Bldg & Eng	345	...	...	1.3	...
64	42	Br Bloodstock	64	+4	...	...	...
528	417	Br Polythene	473	-2	...	2.7	16.8
118	54	Br Steel	115½	+1	...	1.1	...
180	100	Br Syphon	100	...	...	3.8	28.0
185	115	Br Thornton	158	-7	...	2.0	17.3
268	215	Br Vita	232	+2	7.1	3.9	14.3
19½	5½	Brixton Grp	15	...	...	1.5	...
730	555	Broken Hill	685	+11	...	2.5	34.3
112	78	Bromsgrve Ind	107	-1	...	5.1	13.9
10½	6½	Brooke Tool	9	...	...	...	...
73	44	Brown & Tawse	71	...	...	...	...
132	91	Bullough	128	...	8.0	5.9	21.9
23	11½	Business Tech	16½	...	...	...	...
28	17	CI Group	22	-1	1.0	...	20.8
25	11	Campbell & Arm	17	...	...	...	...
39	6½	Cannon St	33	...	...	...	...
256	205	Cape	256	...	...	5.1	17.3
245	178	Cardo Eng	245	...	8.6	4.4	17.4
2888	2138	Carnaud Md	2300	...	...	2.6	∞
78	68	Cassidy Bros	68	...	...	4.4	11.1
210	158	Castings	210	...	4.3	2.6	14.8
71	63	Caffey Intl	70	+1	...	...	...
195	113	Chmbrlin Hill	195	...	6.2	4.0	12.2
730	605	Charter	704	-1	...	3.9	16.6
345	220	Chemring	344	-1	...	3.0	20.7
78	45	Chiefbain Gp	51	...	5.1	...	10.9
41	17	Chillington	38	...	0.2	0.8	...
206	144	Christies Int	185	...	...	1.0	45.9
63	34	Claybithe	63	...	...	5.0	...
95	70	Clayton Son	85	...	...	...	...
10	7	Co Designers	7 #	...	...	...	...
400	285	Cohen (A)	302	...	0.2	...	...
223	179	Community H	210	...	6.8	2.8	∞
246	186½	Concentric	220	...	6.9	4.2	∞
230	120	Cook (Wm)	229	...	...	3.2	18.5
233	180	Cookson	193½	...	5.0	2.7	13.9
76	38	Copymore	71	-8½	...	3.9	25.6
338	130	Cornwl Ptr 'A'	154	...	...	1.8	21.7
178	92	Cosalt	123	-2	5.7	4.6	13.1
224	150	Creighton NA	186	...	10.7	...	18.7
48	27	CrestaCare	36	...	...	4.9	13.3
3737½	2003½	Dana	3562½	-25	0.5	1.7	30.9
236	78½	Danka Bs Sys	228	...	...	...	...
343	193	David Brown	225	-3	...	0.6	21.7
					...	3.3	16.0
351	266	Laird	327	...	...	4.0	16.1
157½	103	Lilleshall	140	...	...	3.8	18.4
200	97	Lincat	193	...	...	3.3	16.7
21½	4½	Lincoln Hse	21½	...	...	...	17.7
128	76	Linread	119	...	3.7	3.9	18.4
280	170	Linton Park	250	...	...	7.0	9.0
15½	10½	Lionheart	12	...	0.2	2.1	...
22½	15	Locker (T) A	20	...	1.0	6.2	29.1
274	140	Lon Intl	157	+2	9.4	7.5	12.0
135	70	Lonrho	123½	-½	...	4.0	...
388	269	Low & Bonar	349	...	...	3.3	48.9
329	254	MB-Caradon	319	+6	...	3.4	25.8
162	128	-do- pf	161½	...	7.2	5.6	...
40	14½	ML Hdgs	39	...	...	...	...
43	27	MS Intl	42	...	...	7.4	43.3
50	39	MY Holdings	45	...	...	2.8	13.7
216	168	Macfarlane	210	...	...	1.9	23.8
460	379	McKechnie	430	...	14.7	4.3	21.3
105	85	McLeod Russel	103	...	6.0	7.3	12.6
10½	3½	Maddox	3½	...	...	...	17.7
106	63	Magnolia	101	...	0.1	0.1	16.2
106	71	Mang Bronze	101	...	1.0	1.2	...
26½	19½	Marling	22½	...	...	3.6	...
192	134	Mayborn	191	...	...	3.3	15.7
62	29	Mayflower	58	...	...	2.7	48.1
236	85	Medeva	114	+2	...	2.5	9.3
118	88	Meggitt	105	+1	...	4.6	17.6
125	98	Metalr	118	...	...	3.9	19.1
150	126	Metrotect	149	+3	...	2.7	20.7
95	70	Meteca	95	...	...	...	...
89	29	Midstates	83	...	...	1.2	11.1
25	14	Mining & Ald	22½	...	0.5	2.8	...
510	368	Molins	502	+2	...	3.5	12.9
345	262	Morgan Cble	325	-1	...	4.9	17.0
184	134	Morris Ashby	176	...	...	3.8	13.4
33	18	Neepsend	28	...	0.7	3.3	37.6
73	34	Nestor-BNA	61	-1	3.1	6.5	14.6
191	122	Nobo Gp	191	...	4.8	3.1	18.9
176	122½	Norcros	174	+2	...	5.0	25.4
51	35	Novo Group	42	...	...	3.9	13.5
413	310	No-Swift	323	...	...	...	∞
73	36	Office Elec Mac	73	...	0.1	0.2	...
39½	21	OMI Intl	35½	+3½	...	6.2	...
140	123	PCT	132	...	...	6.9	15.0
61	36	Pacer Systems	60	...	...	6.3	...
138	87½	Pentland	89	...	...	3.5	12.1
395	310	Photo-Me	320	...	4.6	1.7	∞
165	97½	Pilkington	151	-2½	...	3.3	...
86	68	Plasmbrook	85	...	3.0	4.4	13.4
154	125	Polypipe	147	...	2.1	1.8	∞
42	19	Porter Chadburn	24	...	...	6.5	11.0
11½	5½	Porth Gp	9	...	...	...	...
376	306	Powerscreen	367	...	...	2.2	19.1
20	16½	Prospect Inds	17	...	0.7	5.5	8.5
59	33½	RPS Group	59	+2	2.2	4.7	13.0
95	73	Radiant Metal	90	...	...	...	...
185	77	Ransco Oil	122	-1	...	1.0	40.8
808	636	Rank Org	783	-2	31.0	4.9	21.4
33	15½	Ransomes	15½	...	...	...	...
687	532	Reckitt Colm	613	-2	...	3.3	14.0
77	50	Record	71	...	3.6	6.4	34.4
7½	2½	Renex	5½	...	...	...	...
245	131	Relyon	240	...	4.9	2.6	28.8
303	208	Renishaw	289	...	6.5	3.0	20.6
96	55	Renold	95	...	...	1.3	...
1582	1240	Reuters	1534	+5	21.2	1.7	25.4
57	29½	Rexmore	56	...	1.7	4.0	...
160	91	Ricardo Group	155	-4	5.7	4.7	∞
76	58	Richard (Leics)	76	...	4.4	7.2	...
98	63	Richardson West	85	+1	3.0	4.4	21.8
142	109	Ropner	137	-1	8.2	7.5	19.4
136	97	-do- 'A'	130	-2	8.2	7.9	18.4
38	24	Ross Gp	29	...	0.6	2.8	11.9
184	131½	Rotork	170	-2	...	2.7	19.9
162	89	Rubicon	162	...	...	3.3	22.7
66	43	Russell (A)	65	...	...	...	...
29	15	SEP Indl	27	...	...	...	...
1012½	625	SKF 'B'	912½	+50	...	3.5	24.7
53	39	Savile Grdn (J)	53	+1	2.2	5.2	∞
248	205	Scapa	212½	...	...	3.3	16.2
238	192	Scholl	202	+3	...	3.9	14.7
6½	4	Scot Heritable	5	...	...	...	...
1083	917	Securicor	1078	...	2.6	0.3	41.0
765	562	-do- 'A'	733	+4	2.6	0.4	27.9
660	465	Security Serv	683	+4	5.0	1.0	31.3
121½	77	Senior Eng	118	...	...	3.4	19.5
361	279	Sexon Health	279	-2	...	2.6	16.5

INDUSTRIALS (continued)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
22	5	Davies (DV)	22	...	...	...	...
712	632	De La Rue	676	+1	...	3.1	17.9
27	16	Dickie Heel	26	...	0.9	4.7	20.3
553	391	Diploma	550	-1	9.7	2.2	28.6
79	50	Dobson Park	78	...	5.7	...	14.0
116	92	Dyson (J&J)	112	...	5.0	3.6	28.6
80	57	-do- 'A'	74	...	5.0	8.4	13.6
16½	8	EPG	12½	...	...	...	...
440	367	EIS	400	...	...	3.9	16.1
28	19	Elbief	23	...	...	...	...
43	19	Elico	25	...	3.3	...	14.7
2350	1750	Electrolux 'B'	2037½	+49½	...	2.6	...
76	45	Elliott (B)	75	...	...	...	...
475	394	Eng China Cl	415	...	...	6.1	22.4
132	111	Environmed	128	...	...	...	55.0
3450	1550	Ericsson 'B'	3450	+59½	...	0.8	...
66	32	Eurocopy	66	+1	1.6	...	26.0
87	47	Expamet	76	...	...	...	7.8
717	499	Fairey Group	683	-2	10.2	1.9	20.9
95	53	Fenner	87	...	4.2	...	10.4
66	32	Ferrads Group	55	...	...	2.3	12.9
1½	½	Ferromatt	1½	...	...	...	...
29	19	Ferrum	19	...	2.5	16.4	13.3
60	28	Fife Indmar	56	...	0.5	1.1	...
251	147	Fisons	166½	+½	...	6.7	15.1
53	29	Fitzwilton	46	...	...	10.1	...
288	215	Flogas	288	...	...	3.5	∞
43	37	Folkes Group nv	37	...	1.5	5.1	21.0
86	56	French (Thomas)	83	...	3.6	5.5	41.6
240	166½	Frost Group	215	+2	...	2.3	27.1
88	71	GEI Intl	86	...	...	7.3	...
513	434	GKN	487	-5	...	5.3	32.5
51	42	GR Hldgs	44	...	...	5.7	...
98	79	Garton Eng	96	...	4.0	5.3	...
161	103	Gestetner	147	...	8.2	7.0	6.4
42	23	Gleves	40	+2	...	...	23.9
801	509	Glaxo	642	+1	...	4.3	16.6
38	16	Glenchewton	30	...	...	...	...
318	245	Glynwed	299	-3	11.6	4.9	27.8
126	66	Goode Durrant	121	...	...	5.6	...
145	102	Grampian Hd	137	-2	5.5	5.0	23.8
456	341	Granada	436	-5	7.7	2.2	23.2
410	301	Great Stirrn	408	+1	...	3.4	16.8
117	78	Green (Ernst)	104	...	...	8.8	∞
15½	8½	Greenacre	14	...	...	2.5	13.9
17	8	Guardian Grp	10½	...	...	...	...
61½	30½	Haden MacLn	58	+1	...	4.3	20.0
83	44	Hadleigh Inds	82	+2	...	0.8	...
290	115	Hall Eng	226	-3	8.6	3.9	23.0
229	161	Halma	196	-3	...	1.3	26.3
49	30	Hampson Ind	40	...	1.6	5.0	13.2
265½	222	Hanson	256½	+1½	...	5.6	13.1
221	153	Harris (Philip)	155	+2	...	5.5	9.4
198	147	Harrisn Crsfld	196	+8	9.0	5.8	27.8
68	38	Havelock Euro	68	...	...	...	...
51	20	Hay (Norman)	41	-5	...	...	...
28	17	Headway	26	...	0.7	3.4	∞
13½	5	Healthcare	5	...	...	20.0	1.4
395	301	Hepworth	390	+1	14.8	5.0	15.9
228	160	Hewitt (J)	194	...	3.0	1.9	15.2
38	15	High-Point	38	...	1.3	...	...
162	112½	Hill & Smith	161	...	...	4.4	22.4
19½	6½	Hobson	19½	+2	...	...	...
162	87	Holders Tech	162	...	...	4.6	21.1
52	30	Hopkinsons	50	-1	1.3	3.3	20.7
167	133	Hornby	161	...	...	7.0	15.2
88	54½	Howden	78	...	2.2	3.5	14.4
260	173	Hunting	238	...	...	5.3	20.1
503	269½	Huntigh Tec	495	...	...	2.5	12.6
312	247	IMI	284	...	...	4.4	25.2
119	90	ISA Intl	117	...	1.5	1.6	18.1
205	144	Intercare Gp	146	...	...	2.2	15.4
286	235	Isoron	280	...	4.3	1.9	∞
547	360	Jardine Math	541	+24	...	3.0	19.5
537	425	Johnson Math	488	+3	...	2.8	20.3
64	36½	Johnson & FB	46	...	3.0	8.2	14.2
177	104	Johnston	155	-2	3.2	2.6	...
32	19	Jones Shipman	23	-1	...	...	...
35	18	Jourdan (T)	31	...	0.7	3.1	...
79½	26	Kalamazoo	75	...	2.1	3.5	17.4
178	73	Kalon	165	+3	...	2.4	22.0
297	243	Kelsey Ind	243	-2	13.0	...	...
545	465	Kenshaw (A)	538	...	27.0	6.3	27.0
235	75	Kleeneze	205	+2	...	...	...
151	61	LGW	145	...	3.0	2.6	12.0

INDUSTRIALS (continued)

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
86	42	Sheldon Jones	63	...	...	...	...
133	88	Shiloh	130	...	2.9	2.6	14.0
344	281	Siebe	314	...	...	4.0	20.1
561	427	Siebe	513	+5	...	2.4	19.0
375	220	Silentnight	374	...	...	2.7	22.0
131	102	Sime Darby	127	...	...	4.2	∞
142	32	Simon Eng	64	-1	...	...	...
290	194	Sinclair (Wm)	211	-1	7.0	4.1	13.6
47	35	Six Hundred	38	...	...	3.8	...
164	139½	Smith & Neph	149½	...	...	2.6	15.2
513	389	SmithKline	421	-4	8.6	2.6	15.2
450	340	SmithKline Uts	377	-6	...	3.5	13.6
394	320	Smiths Ind	373	+2	11.2	3.8	15.2
140	53	Sirco Bus	69	...	3.3	6.1	6.5
441	286	Spandex	441	+1	...	1.9	10.5
650	300	Spear (JW)	525	...	4.0	3.4	9.8
376	314	Spirax-Sarco	362	...	...	3.3	22.5
145	44	Spring Ram	68	...	...	...	18.6
270	222	Staveley	245	-3	...	4.3	13.0
164	126	Sterling Inc	162	...	...	4.3	24.8
187	97	Suter	167	-1	8.6	6.6	17.5
361	244	Swire Pacific 'A'	344	+6	...	2.6	∞
7	3½	Sycamore	3½	...	...	...	...
78	53	Sykes-Pick	63	...	...	7.9	12.1
149	120	Syltone	148	...	...	4.0	19.7
374	279	TI	338	+4	...	4.0	21.7
32	12	TLS Range	28	...	...	1.1	...
290	211	TT Group	288	+9	...	2.9	17.7
249	230	Talkate	245	...	1.8	0.9	20.3
868	616	Takeda Chem	827	+9	...	0.5	21.9
66	24	Tex Hldgs	63	...	...	...	...
109	70	Tinsley (E)	97	+3	...	7.0	14.9
240	150	Thorn	240	...	...	1.9	20.9
231	212½	Tomkins	232	+2	...	3.4	17.1
112	67	Trafalgar H	102	+1	...	4.0	7.5
579	346	Transfer Tech	490	...	16.0	4.1	13.2
190	158½	Triplex Lloyd	169	...	...	5.2	20.3
253	214	UniChem	247	...	5.6	2.9	16.0
375	275½	Unidare	365	...	...	5.4	11.9
76	11½	Unigroup	32	...	...	...	...
1249	938	Unilever	1080	-7	21.3	2.5	14.7
8112½	6362½	Unilever (NV)	7212½	...	...	2.8	12.1
915	513	VSEL	848	-5	...	4.3	9.1
9½	6½	Verson	8½	...	...	...	...
164	95½	Vickers	156	-1	...	1.2	...
367	243	Vicamic	290	-1	...	5.4	14.3
444	283	Vinten	436	...	...	3.0	20.2
694	427	Vosper Thorny	694	+16	...	2.8	16.8
46	41	WSP Hldgs	42	...	...	...	10.9
468	368	Wagon Ind	430	...	...	5.0	19.0
98	71	Walker Greenbk	96	...	3.1	4.0	24.5
258	201	Wassall	248	...	2.5	1.3	25.0
42	22	Watford Wdgwd	39	...	...	...	...
384	291	Weir	305	+4	...	2.4	17.2
993	600	Wellcome	709	-9	13.0	2.3	19.6
23½	19	Wellman	19	...	0.9	5.9	31.0
343	260	West Hlthcare	342	+3	...	1.4	∞
510	460	Whatman	488	...	9.5	2.4	16.4
353	267	Whessoe	271	...	...	3.7	10.5
65	27	Whitecroft	63½	...	...	...	...
8½	4½	Widney	8	...	...	...	...
130	44	Wilkes (James)	126	+1	3.5	...	36.9
365	295½	Williams Hldg	321	-1	12.5	4.9	16.8
36½	17	Wilshaw	34	...	...	1.8	21.4
661	533	Wolseley	645	+15	12.5	2.4	22.4
150	125	Wood (Arthur)	125	...	1.5	1.5	45.5
46	35	Wyko	40	...	...	3.1	...
59	38	Young (H)	52	-2	3.0	7.2	19.1

INSURANCE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1993½	1493½	Alex & Alex	1493½	...	...	4.5	...
2406½	1787½	Am Gen	2212½	+18½	...	3.3	...
51	30	Archer (AJ)	49	-2	4.4	...	23.8
183	133	Berry Bch Nbl	166	...	...	4.0	12.0
148	118	Bradstock	136	...	5.1	4.7	16.8
498	399½	Britannic	471	...	...	3.0	...
667	556	Com Union	600	-5	...	5.1	...
1700	1225	Dom & Gen	1675	+40	...	1.7	∞
39	18	FAI	35	...	...	...	...
699	546	Gen Accident	686	+1	26.7	4.9	...
225	160	GRE	215	...	...	7.0	4.1	17.6
412	293	Heath C E	399	...	...	5.0	...
228	168	Hogg Gp	213	...	8.1	4.8	19.3
215	162	JIB Group	168	...	...	5.6	17.2
513	408½	Legal & Gen	472	+1	...	5.1	28.7
1092	788	Liberty Life	889	+12	...	2.6	15.4
465	403	Lloyds Abbey	429	...	17.3	5.0	15.4
338	253	Lloyd Thomp	301	...	5.6	2.3	22.2
368	224	Londn & Man	348	...	14.2	5.1	25.6
443	321	Lowndes Lmb	418	...	13.5	4.0	15.0
6743½	5600	Marsh McLn	5912½	-18½	...	3.1	...
115	76	Orlel	114	...	...	5.6	...
72	50½	PWS	66	...	4.0	7.6	9.6
349	282½	Prudential	337	+5	...	4.4	22.4
1138	800	Refuge	1050	+12	31.5	3.8	28.8
347	248	Royal	306	-4	...	2.7	...
204	150	Sedgwick	186	...	...	4.0	22.9
261	153	Steel Burrill	153	-2	...	...	9.0
89	48	Sturge Hldgs	86	...	...	8.2	8.7
399	307	Sun Alliance	381	+2	14.2	4.7	...
61	50	Trade Indemnty	51	...	...	...	...
332	239	Transatlantic	328	...	...	12.0	4.6	30.4
773	499	Utd Friendly	625	-3	14.5	2.9	27.2
242	171	Willis Corroon	225	-1	...	3.7	48.3
21	13½	Windsor	20	...	...	...	15.7

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
1820	1548	Alliance	1717	+4	45.0	3.3	37.6
264	226½	Amer Trust	255	+1	4.9	2.4	52.9
404	304	Ang & O'seas	386	+1	6.8	2.2	49.0
149½	124	BZW Conv	141½	+½	7.6	6.9	∞
186	139½	Bankers	178	+½	3.4	2.4	48.7
317	264	Baring Tribne	308	...	6.4	2.6	48.7
191	131	Berry Starq	191	+2	2.2	1.4	62.1
110	96½	Br Assets	103	+½	...	5.2	25.2
82	57½	Br Empire Sec	78½	...	0.8	1.4	79.7
28	14	-do- Wnts	27½	...	...	...	...
198	156	Br Inv	186	+1	4.5	3.0	41.9
191	130	Contl Asset	183	...	2.4	1.6	60.9
195	143	Derby Inc	149	...	...	12.0	9.0
280	195	-do- Cap	245	+2	...	...	...
79	62	Drayton Blue	77	+1	6.4	13.6	8.6
85	35	-do- Eng Intl	83	...	1.2	1.8	...
133	84	-do- Far East	122	+4	0.6	0.6	...
122	95	-do- Korea	110	+2	0.5	0.6	...
665	576	Dunedin Inc G	640	+1	25.4	5.0	29.4
100	93	-do- Japan	93	...	...	...	...
55	38	-do- Warrants	49	...	...	...	...
696	513	-do- Wrwde	661	+1	9.5	1.5	68.1
292	232	Dundee & Lon	285	...	...	3.9	26.3
304	250½	Edinburgh	290	+1	8.4	3.6	31.7
287	183	Electra Inv	273	+1	6.7	3.1	37.2
190	141	Electric Gen	180	+1	3.1	2.2	56.1
113	85	English Scot	108½	...	...	...	...
300	205	European Asset	287	...	...	2.4	37.3
126	77	Finsbury 'A'	125	...	3.0	3.0	40.2
291	248	Fleming Amer	280	+2	0.7	0.3	...
219	190½	-do- Claver	202	...	...	3.3	39.8
318	212	Do Contl	298	...	2.7	1.1	...
202	147	-do- Entp	194	...	...	3.0	39.2
334	213	-do- F East	309	+5	1.1	0.4	...
326	246	-do- Fledg	323	...	3.0	1.2	...
118	93	-do- Hi Inc	97	...	...	5.7	16.6
260	136	-do- Japan	228	+2	0.3	0.2	...
289	250	-do- Merc	275	+1	6.7	3.0	58.9
292	212	-do- Oseas	277	+½	4.2	1.9	58.0
258	203	Foreign & Col	242	+1	...	1.8	65.0
214	164	-do- Eurotst	204	...	1.2	0.8	...
125	87	-do- German	119	...	0.5	0.5	...
319	191	-do- Pacific	286	+4	1.9	0.9	...
163	116	-do- Smaller	162½	+½	1.8	1.4	...
272	145	GT Japan	231	+3	...	0.6	...
150	65	Genl Cons Cap	139	+1	...	...	...
123½	93½	-do- Inc	109	...	...	9.7	11.3
145	115	Govett Am Smlr	141	...	...	...	...
316	184	-do- Oriental	308	+4	0.9	0.4	...
283	207	-do- Strategy	268	+2½	...	3.1	37.0
400	340	Greenfriar	399	...	...	2.0	59.9
19	5	Gresham House	19	...	...	...	...
143	124	Inv Cap	137	+1	5.1	4.7	27.5
97	77	IAS UK Smllr	94	+1	2.8	3.7	26.2
209	159½	Kleinwort Chrt	197	+1	5.0	3.2	38.3
239	176	-do- O'seas	224½	...	3.3	1.8	63.8
130	108	-do- Smlr	127	...	...	3.4	30.8
680	540	Law Debenture	654	+1	18.2	3.5	32.7
197	164	Majedie	193	...	...	3.1	37.3

LEISURE

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
272	221	Merchants	265	+1	...	5.2	24.4
6625	3700	Merrill Lynch	6400	+106½	...	...	...
490	383	Monks Inv Tst	478	+2	...	1.8	60.6
133	105	Morg Gren Inc	122	...	...	4.5	25.2
48	23	Do Warrants	48	...	...	...	...
56	39	Murray Euro	52	+1	0.1	0.4	...
21	4½	Do Wts	14½	...	...	...	...
344	282	Murray Income	334	...	10.9	4.1	∞
340	265	-do- Intl	326	+1	11.6	4.5	29.1
382	263	-do- Small	366	...	...	1.4	...
103	92	-do- S/C Inc	92	...	...	14.4	9.0
135	73	-do- S/C Cap	120	...	...	...	...
3060	2750	-do- S/C Uts	2875	...	...	4.6	...
155½	142½	-do- S/C DP	155½	...	...	...	...
315	230	-do- Vent	296	+2	10.9	4.7	∞
100	56½	New Frontier	100	+1	0.2	0.3	...
88	68	Nvthrog Inc	88	...	6.7	9.8	16.2
336	249	O'seas Inv Tst	316	...	2.8	1.1	...
411	285	Pacific Assets	384	+6	1.1	0.4	...
314	187	Do Warrants	287½	+6½	...	...	...
8300	7650	Personal Assets	8250	...	...	2.4	49.3
158	100	RIT Cap Ptnr	149	+1	1.1	1.0	...
126	108	River & Merc	119	...	9.2	9.7	11.9
465	350	Robeco	465	...	...	2.7	...
435	346	Rolinco	435	...	...	1.7	...
279	214	St Andrew Inv	273	...	7.5	3.5	36.7
156½	131	Scot American	148	...	...	3.9	31.3
225	136	Scot Asian	220	+3	...	...	...
505	225	do Warrants	505	+7	...	...	...
81½	63½	-do- Eastern	77½	+½	1.5	2.4	51.1
222	183	Scottish	214	+½	4.6	2.7	44.4
225	178	-do- Mrge	211	+1	4.0	2.4	54.8
96½	71	-do- Value	96	...	...	2.3	68.4
1592	1390	Second Allnce	1515	+5	39.0	3.2	∞
91	74½	Secs Tst of Scot	85	+½	3.2	4.8	28.1
157	107½	Selective Asset	152	...	1.2	1.0	54.7
35	14	Sphere Inv	34½	+1½	3.1	11.5	10.9
164	112	TR Far East	153	+2	4.5	3.7	33.6
154	126	TR City Of Lon	145½	+½	4.8	4.1	∞
168	110	TR Pacific	158	+3	0.3	0.3	...
32	17	TR Property	30½	+½	0.9	3.7	31.7
101	47	TP Tech Inv	94	+2	1.7	2.3	34.9
198	146	TR Smlr Cos	182	+2	...	2.6	42.1
348	283	Temple Bar	328	+2	13.2	5.0	24.7
97	69	Thrmn Asian E	93½	+½	0.5	0.7	...
78½	54	Throgmorton	74	...	2.3	3.9	30.2
550	363	Throg Dual Cp	505	...	...	...	...
231	178	USDC Invest	221	...	4.5	2.5	40.7
112	76½	Value Inc Tst	109	...	3.6	4.1	22.4
716	542	Whitbread Inv	704	...	16.5	2.9	42.4
216	181	Witan	208	...	5.6	3.4	36.4
416	269	Airtours	391	...	7.2	2.3	13.8
64	42	Ald Leis	57	...	4.7	...	16.3
376	194	Anglia TV	375	+13	...	3.1	17.2
103	63	Baldwin	84	...	3.0	4.5	11.4
249	192	Barr & W 'A'	224	...	10.0	5.7	14.3
1245	930	Boosey Hwks	1245	...	22.0	2.2	18.7
153	90	Border TV	138	...	...	3.0	12.4
16½	4½	Brent Walker	6½	+1	...	...	...
58	48	Bristol Scots	53	...	...	...	...
9	2½	Buckingham Int	8½	...	...	...	...
292	110	Campari	144	...	...	10.4	...
230	171	Capital Radio	218	+5	5.2	3.0	25.2
818	718	Carlton Comm	722	+3	17.0	2.9	21.4
250	158	Castle Comm	188	...	...	5.7	17.2
2080	1615	Central TV	2073	+8	38.0	2.3	22.6
124	61	Chrysalis	106	...	...	...	...
590	470	Compass Gp	559	-5	...	2.9	16.7
350	175	Eurocamp	208	-6	9.7	5.9	8.6
1180	610	Euro Disney	653	-2	...	1.7	...
8	3½	Euro Leisure	4½	...	...	...	...
38½	18	Ex-Lands	34	...	...	...	...
390	245	Fairline Boats	324	+33	10.5	4.1	...
378	269	First Leisure	269	-8	6.1	2.9	18.6
530	298	GWR Gp	530	+2	...	1.7	27.2
246	149	Grampian	246	+1	6.1	3.1	17.0
20	4½	Greenwich Comm	20	...	...	...	...
74	19	HTV Group	73	...	...	...	32.4
76	30	Hi-Tec Sports	52	...	...	4.8	...
12½	5½	Konick	10½	...	...	...	...
500	405	LWT Hldgs	500	-3	...	1.2	23.1
519	327	Man Utd	513	...	18.0	4.4	17.6
148	59	Owners Abrd	87	-1	3.5	5.0	7.0
74	33	The Pelican Gp	67	...	...	2.1	15.7
160	55	Prism Leisure	131	...	...	3.1	12.2
31	16	Quadrant Grp	29	...	...	...	...
327	274	Radio Clyde	325	...	...	3.3	25.3
208	172	Ramsdens (H)	198	...	...	2.8	26.3
553	431	Scot TV	493	...	9.9	2.5	24.3
65	37	Southern Radio	58	...	0.7	1.7	24.2
280	168	Stanley Leisure	236	-3	4.3	2.4	17.8
10	5½	Sunleigh	8½	...	...	...	...
145	118	Sunset & Vine	123	...	3.5	3.6	14.4
420	345½	Tanjong	349½	...	...	0.5	∞
3½	1	Ticketing	2½	...	...	...	...
117	84	Tottenham Hot	96	...	...	...	3.1
78	44	Trans World	55	...	...	1.8	20.1
499	274	Ulster TV	496	+1	10.0	2.5	15.2
101	62	Vardon	94	...	0.7	1.0	22.2
22	11	Wembley	18½	...	0.2	1.4	...
48	7½	Whitegate	39	-1	...	...	...
233	110	Yorkshire TV	230	...	12.0	6.5	7.0
120	83	Zetters Gp	115	...	8.0	8.7	13.0

MINING

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
5700	1800	Am Gold	4100	-46½	...	4.8	20.8
1625	1018½	Ang Am Coal	1418½	+37½	...	6.2	7.5
2300	1125	Ang Am	1837½	+12½	...	3.6	15.9
33	8½	Anglo Pac Res	32	...	...	...	...
133	33	Blyvoors	102	...	...	6.0	5.6
46	18	Bracken	38	-3	...	...	2.3
871	233	Buffels	596	+5	...	11.2	∞
2½	1	Butte	1½	...	...	...	...
720	546	CRA	640	-5	...	3.0	21.9
43½	11	Cluff Res	31	+2	...	...	...
1312½	762½	De Beers	1105½	...	...	4.3	15.1
165	37½	Deelkraal	103	-15	...	1.8	11.8
96	7	Doornfontein	43	...	...	...	...
913	388	Driefontein	677	-13	...	4.2	13.4
709	120	Durban	415	-4	...	...	...
201	47	E Rand Gold	120	...	...	9.3	3.5
270	54	E Rand Prop	191	-6	...	...	...
604	117	Elandsrand	349	+4	...	3.3	6.5
899	292	FS Cons	685	-22	...	7.7	8.6
80	8	FS Dev	43	...	...	...	...
1675	725	GFSA	1162	...	...	3.2	∞
180	125	Gencor	143	...	...	6.5	11.7
64½	35½	GM Kalgoorli	42	-1	...	3.1	10.9
22½	5	Greenwich R 'A'	14½	...	...	...	...
187	49	Grootvlei	109	-3	...	9.1	6.7
360	78	Harmony	263	...	...	...	...
425	87	Hartlec	266	-17	...	7.0	10.5
16	8½	Inoco	15	...	...	...	...
1010	491	Impala Plat	651	...	...	4.2	22.3
13½	6	Kenmare Res	8½	...	...	...	...
1080	332	Kinross	764	-25	...	6.3	8.8
913	319	Kloof	623	-10	...	3.3	8.8
137	25	Leslie	84	-13	...	4.7	8.8
219	13	Loraine	139	-15	...	...	...
840	620	Lydenburg	725	...	...	2.8	∞
116½	80½	MIM	84	...	...	2.6	40.7
1265	820	Minorco	1158	-40	...	3.4	12.9
141	91	Nth Brkn Hill	121½	+½	...	3.8	20.0
2287½	612½	Orange Free	1662½	-9½	...	7.5	13.3
748	607	RTZ	690	+7	...	3.8	19.1
637½	425	Rand Mines	556½	...	...	10.0	2.7
671	150	Randfontein	490	+5	...	5.8	∞
192	115	Renison	135	-5	...	3.1	14.0
1200	850	Rustnbrg	925	...	...	3.4	∞
395	191	St Helena	452	...	...	5.2	9.6
2168	415	Southvaal	1337	+12	...	4.1	24.3
119	18	Stilfontein	70	+1	...	8.7	12.6
201	58	Unisel	115	-2	...	3.6	11.7
6075	1800	Vaal Reefs	4512½	+12½	...	4.6	8.2
582	154	Welkom	436	-8	...	7.4	13.6
351	26	Western Areas	262	-1	...	2.6	∞
2512½	587½	Western Deep	1787½	-50	...	3.3	8.6
283	176	Wstrn Mining	213	...	...	2.0	∞
1029	323	Winkels	797	+8	...	1.2	6.9
84	56	Zambia Copper	71	-3	...	...	...
68	18	Zandpan	48	...	...	6.1	16.2

MOTORS, AIRCRAFT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
93	58	ABI Leis	91	...	3.7	5.1	16.3
258	233	Abbey Panels	233	...	...	...	...
135	95	Airflow Stream	135	...	3.0	2.8	13.0
160	82	Appleyard	148	-2	...	4.6	...
335	203	Bletchley Mtr	320	...	...	3.4	16.3
167	120	Bostrom	166	...	6.0	4.6	28.9
468	165	Br Aerospace	417	...	7.0	2.1	...
52	19½	Burndene	46	-1	...	3.2	12.2
388	303	Cathys	378	...	11.5	3.8	76.5
15	4½	Caverdale	12½	-½	...	...	...
143	98	Central Mtr	135	...	...	3.7	34.3
29	18	Cook (DC)	26	...	...	2.0	∞
267	156	Cowie (T)	242	-1	6.2	3.2	18.4
140	86	Dag Motors	139	+1	5.7	5.2	24.8
155	102½	Davnprt Vern	155	...	...	3.3	19.6
300	155	ERF	298	...	2.0	0.8	...
145	92	European Mtr	137	...	...	3.2	19.3
402	208	Evans Halshaw	399	-1	11.8	3.5	61.5
290	226	FR Group	257	-1	...	3.5	12.0
3650	2843½	Ford Motor	3606½	+25	...	...	...
3312½	2143½	General Mtr	2993½	+25	...	1.7	...
75	38	Gowrings	60	...	2.0	4.2	...
247	85	Henlys	233	-5	3.0	1.6	...
982	650	Honda Motor	923	+9	...	0.6	...
30	15	Jacks (Wm)	26	...	...	...	...
108	66	Jessups	99	...	4.5	5.7	...
173	97	Kwik-Fit	166	+2	...	2.5	29.7
420	281	Lex Service	398	-1	...	3.3	21.8
164	85	Lookers	160	...	6.2	4.8	...
164	126	Lucas	151	+2	7.0	5.8	...
27	21	Malaya Grp	24	...	...	...	...
284	224½	Pendragon	265	...	...	3.1	21.8
198	106	Perry Gp	191	...	7.0	5.0	...
190	108	Quicks Group	176	...	...	3.2	22.5
160	96½	Rolls-Royce	139½	-3½	...	4.5	∞
221	164	T & N	193	-3	...	7.0	27.5
215	163	Trinity Hldgs	214	+1	...	3.2	∞
175	125	Vardy (Reg)	171	-2	...	3.1	23.9
253	121	Westland	238	+2	4.2	2.2	21.0

NEWS, PUBLISHERS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
193	105	Adscene	191	...	5.0	3.3	19.6
360	315	Black (A&C)	360	...	13.5	4.7	14.8
608	290	Blenheim Gp	305	+5	...	3.7	11.2
370	275	Bristol	345	...	...	4.3	31.1
£102	7775	Daily Mail	9775	...	130	1.7	22.0
£101½	7700	Daily Mail 'A'	9700	...	130	1.7	21.8
305	251	Dorling Kind	289	-1	...	1.3	27.6
373	322	EMAP	354	+1	...	2.8	21.8
1113	873	Euromoney Pb	1088	...	29.5	3.4	24.5
284	170	Harrington K	236	...	4.5	2.4	19.1
469	233	Haynes Pub	463	...	8.0	2.2	∞
363	343	Hodder H'line	358	...	5.0	1.6	30.5
140	99	Home Counts	132	...	6.0	...	...
147	30	Intl Bus Comm	143	+1	...	...	20.7
14	6½	Int Cm & Dat	13	...	...	...	...
395	240	Independent	380	...	...	3.1	18.6
580	395	Johnstone Press	577	...	6.2	1.4	24.9
318	243	Metal Bulletn	318	...	8.0	3.1	22.5
186	88	Mirror Gp	178	+1	...	...	...
450	297	News Corp	450	+9	...	0.3	20.5
274	169	News Intl	260	...	...	0.7	16.0
535	354	Pearson	528	...	...	2.8	28.7
675	510	Portsmth Sund	618	...	...	1.9	17.0
736	618	Reed Int	706	+8	...	3.0	30.8
150	98	Southnews	149	...	...	1.8	27.6
171	90	Sterling Pub	170	...	...	2.2	18.7
423	329	Telegraph	385	...	...	1.6	16.2
825	715	Thomson Corp	725	...	...	2.1	36.2
395	313	Trinity Intl	391	...	8.7	2.8	23.4
39	27	Unit Groups	34	...	...	...	...
593½	480½	Utd Nwspprs	556	+7	...	4.9	16.2

OILS, GAS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
37	17	Aran Energy	33½	...	...	...	32.6
61	37	Arcton India	40	...	...	...	...
71	41½	Aus Oil & Gas	61	+1	...	...	...
83	20	Aviva Pet	65	...	...	...	...
16	9	Beverley	11½	...	...	...	...
205	145	Br Borneo	200	...	7.1	4.4	6.1
339½	276	British Gas	327½	+3½	14.2	5.5	15.5
326	225	Br Petroleum	301½	-1	8.4	3.5	23.7
1½	1	Bula Resources	1½	...	...	...	...
821	675	Burmah Castrl	768	+5	...	4.1	17.9
65	32	Cairn Energy	60	...	...	...	8.6
287	223	Calor Gp	265	...	...	3.8	21.6
60½	32½	Clyde Pet	49	...	...	...	...
44	27	Coplex Res	37	...	...	...	...
23½	10½	Edin Oil & Gas	17½	...	...	...	...
521	397	Enterprise	428	+1	16.0	4.7	23.6
88	32	Exp Co Louis	35	...	...	...	...
34½	18½	Fairhaven Intl	24	...	...	2.4	8.6
67	45	Goal Pet	59	...	1.4	3.0	11.3
48	18	Gt Western Res	47	...	...	...	...
175	104½	Hardy O & G	162	...	...	0.8	15.1
40	18½	Kelt Energy	41	...	...	...	...
195	128	LASMO	144	+4	...	2.0	39.2
109	63	-do- Units	79	...	9.4	10.1	...

PAPER, PRINT, ADVTG

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
24	8½	Mid Scot Res	9	...	...	...	...
56	34	Monument	51½	...	...	...	...
9½	4	New London	5½	...	...	...	...
33	21	Nth Sea Assets	22	...	1.0	4.6	9.3
36	27	Oil Search	29	-1	...	...	...
17	11½	Petrex	16	+½	...	...	...
144	99	Pict Pet	137	-1	...	...	∞
29½	18	Premier	22½	...	...	...	8.3
115	50	Presidio	113	...	...	5.4	...
393	290	Ranger	345	...	...	4.6	...
6712½	5150	Royal Dtch Pt	6475	+37½	...	4.7	16.2
4500	3600	Schlumberger	4037½	-21½	...	2.0	...
62	47	Seafield	54	...	...	...	...
682	515	Shell	644½	+6½	21.9	4.2	19.8
203	123	Sunrise Eng Sv	173	...	...	...	...
41	21	Triton Europe	24	...	...	...	...
14½	6	Villiers Grp	14	...	...	...	...
172	135	Woodside	147	-1	...	2.3	...
144	120	AG Holdings	144	...	...	4.6	13.0
331	249	API	330	...	7.5	2.8	28.7
216	144	Arjo Wiggins	210	+3	...	3.9	33.9
543	408	Abbott Mead	539	...	9.3	2.2	27.9
40	13	Aegis Gp	37	...	...	...	...
212	118	Aspen Comms	130	...	...	4.7	11.8
13	7	BBB Designs	13	...	...	...	...
409	234½	Bemrose	390	...	...	3.8	16.9
33	11	Birkdale	12	-1	...	...	...
146	118	Bunzl	146	+1	4.0	3.5	21.8
314	257	CIA Gp	314	+5	...	1.7	19.8
230	93	Capital Inds	217	-1	...	1.8	20.7
79	44	City of Lon	78	...	...	6.2	14.4
244	169	Cropper (James)	243	...	3.1	1.6	23.5
7	6	Crown Comm	6	...	...	...	...
92	51	Deyn Pckaging	87	...	1.6	2.4	11.7
117	94	Dolphin Pack	115	+6	4.5	5.0	28.0
87	42	Dudley Jenkins	84	...	...	4.6	14.1
15½	11½	Elswick	11½	...	...	3.3	14.6
73	41	Fairway Group	69	...	3.1	5.7	20.3
340	271	Ferguson Intl	339	...	...	4.6	15.3
108	92	Ferry Pick	105	...	...	6.7	28.3
152	74	Filofax	145	...	...	1.1	18.7
20	14	Finch	15	...	...	...	...
122	69	Gibbon Lyons	121	...	...	5.2	13.7
295	247	Gold Greenlees	274	...	8.3	3.8	∞
41	20	Goodhead	22	...	0.5	2.8	...
88	35	Hunterprint	46	...	...	...	...
185	136	Intereurope	175	...	7.8	5.8	∞
264	191	Jarvis Porter	260	...	...	2.3	24.2
32	15½	Lopex	28	...	...	...	...
331	175	More O'Ferrall	330	...	13.2	5.0	39.1
133	48	NMC Group	108	...	2.0	2.3	16.7
172	66	Osborne & Little	168	-2	...	3.4	18.4
525	455	Portals	488	...	...	3.8	16.7
2	½	Premier Hlth	1½	-½	...	...	...
286	159	Quarto	286	...	...	2.3	17.6
347	287	St Ives Gp	310	...	5.2	2.1	21.1
189½	142½	Saatchi	161	...	...	...	...
474	292	Sappi	321	...	...	11.6	6.1
32	11½	Serif	30½	...	...	...	...
32½	14	Shandwick	21	...	...	...	...
397	294	Smith David	360	...	...	3.5	18.9
295	214	Smurfit (Jeff)	227	-4	...	3.2	15.4
68	45	Sonic	61	...	1.5	3.1	25.0
246	183	Sun-Plus	229	-1	8.0	4.4	20.4
27½	16½	Taylor Nelson	27	...	0.3	1.4	22.6
69	38	VTR	68	...	...	6.2	19.4
106	40	WPP	109	...	...	1.2	3.9
176	62	Wace	174	...	...	...	...
265	203	Waddington (J)	249	-1	...	4.0	18.7
750	540	Watmough	747	...	11.5	1.9	21.3
7	4½	Westport	5½	-½	...	...	...
34	12	Whinney Mcke	20	...	...	...	...
87	55	Wood (SW)	76	...	...	2.1	16.3

PROPERTY

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
104	41	Allied Lon	104	...	3.5	4.2	...
63	58	Arcadian	62	...	...	...	...
16½	4½	Ascot Hldgs	6½	...	...	...	...
105	52	Asda	105	...	...	2.5	11.0
152	88	Avonside	152	+2	4.0	3.3	21.2
2637½	2062½	BCE	2200	+12½	...	...	...
852	396	Bilton	648	...	18.9	3.6	23.4
110	23	Bourne End	90	...	1.0	1.4	...
224	150	Bradford	215	-3	5.4	3.1	21.8
23	5	Bredero	16½	...	...	...	...
405	166½	Br Land	372	-4	...	2.4	33.9
240	149½	Brixton	211	-11	...	5.0	16.5
79	42	Burford	79	+3	...	1.8	...
176	99	Cap & Regnl	175	...	...	0.8	...
215	120	Cardiff Prop	215	...	2.4	1.4	...
495	196	Chesterfield	493	...	11.0	2.8	35.3
43	12	City Site Ests	40	...	1.4	...	...
23	12	Clarke Nickolls	19	...	...	...	...
53	34	Conrad Rtblat GS	47	...	...	...	...
1275	818	Daejan	1270	...	...	2.7	15.7
3½	1½	Dares Estates	2½	...	...	...	...
100	53	Debenhm Twsn	99	...	...	3.8	19.3
12	4	De Morgan	8	...	...	...	...
153	76	Dencora	152	...	3.0	2.5	...
563	263	Derwent Hldgs	558	...	8.6	1.9	69.5
45	10	Development Sec	41	-½	...	...	...
55	25	Dwyer	53	...	...	...	...
300	170	Estates Agency	285	...	3.0	...	26.1
27	7½	Estates Gen	21	...	...	...	...
214	132	Evans Of Leeds	206	...	...	2.8	18.2
33½	11	Five Oaks	33½	...	...	...	...
63	30	Fletcher King	62	...	1.0	2.0	41.1
474	276½	Frogmore	458	-1	16.0	4.5	∞
200	97	Grainger	190	-3	5.2	3.5	42.5
222	116½	Gr Portland	203	...	...	4.9	19.4
27½	7½	Greycoat	24½	-1	...	...	...
151	101	HK Land	149	+4	...	4.4	20.1
84	35	Hambro Cntryw	77	...	0.5	0.8	...
405	257½	Hammerson	391	-2	10.0	3.2	39.6
663	245	-do- 'A'	387	...	10.0	3.5	36.1
253	127	Helical Bar	248	...	...	2.4	8.9
35	19	Hemingway	30	...	...	...	...
132	56	Herring Baker	58	...	...	3.7	14.4
153	133	Jermyn	138	...	...	...	...
682	435	Land Sec	671	+1	22.8	4.3	20.2
111	73	Lon Merch Sec	99	...	4.0	5.1	15.4
4½	1½	Lon & Metro	3½	...	...	...	...
504	315½	MEPC	480	-10	...	5.2	20.7
9	5	McInerney A	8	...	...	...	...
135	90	McKay Secs	134	...	3.5	3.3	18.4
7½	3	Markheath	6	...	0.5	...	...
49	12	Merivale Mre	38	...	1.0	...	...
5	3	Merlin Intl	5 #	...	...	...	...
46	29	Moorfield Est	40	...	...	...	...
1250	775	Mountview	1200	...	20.0	2.1	11.9
169	112	Mucklow (A&J)	165	...	6.1	4.7	∞
46	30	Olives Prop	36	...	1.5	5.2	...
10	3½	Osory Est	4½	-½	0.1	...	1.4
153	88	PSIT	152	...	4.1	3.4	30.1
317	138	Peel	316	...	4.0	1.6	...
16	7	Power Corp	8	...	...	...	0.9
46	22	Property Trust	36	...	...	...	∞
75	42	Raglan	50	-1	...	...	...
29	11	Regalian	19½	-½	...	...	...
135	110	Rowlinson Secs	135	...	1.5	1.4	35.9
47	16	St Modwen Prp	42	+½	0.6	1.8	32.0
70	39	Savills	64	...	...	2.0	25.3
101	34	Scot Met	100	...	1.5	...	...
105	39	Shaftesbury	102	...	...	...	...
15½	5	Shield	11½	...	...	...	6.0
245	139½	Slough Estates	239	+2	...	4.2	16.7
82	56	Southend Prop	81	...	...	3.7	...
35	16	Stanhope Prps	32	...	...	...	...
194	114	Tops Ests	194	...	...	2.1	1.4	69.2
125	79	Town Centre	125	...	...	3.1	3.1	23.3
84	43	Trafford Park	84	-1	2.8	4.3	∞
56	17	UK Land	40	...	...	...	...
9½	4	Union Square	8	...	...	...	...
258	180	Warner	250	...	10.5	5.3	22.8
218	168	Warnford	218	...	7.5	4.3	16.0
8	2	Waterglade	2½	...	...	...	...
90	34	Wates	78½	-2½	0.7	...	...
76	40	Wood John D	73	...	...	...	...

SHOES, LEATHER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
18	11	Aummagic	15	...	...	...	...
182	84	Headlam	182	...	...	1.8	41.1
500	315	Lambert	330	...	13.0	4.9	8.1
100	44	Pittards	47	-12	2.0	5.3	13.4
30	20	Strong & Fisher	26	...	1.0	4.8	7.2
187	89	Stylo	184	...	...	2.0	70.4
66	53	UK Safety	65	...	...	23.8	2.1

TEXTILES

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
508	408	Allied Text	489	...	12.6	3.2	15.7
69	54	Beckman (A)	61	...	4.7	...	12.1
35	21	Bolton Gp	31	+1	...	...	15.8
170	141	Br Mohair	162	...	8.5	6.6	15.2
53	15	Chartwell	41	...	...	...	...
364	298	Claremont Gs	332	...	7.2	2.7	20.7
601	522	Courtauld Text	534	...	13.6	3.2	14.6
53½	24½	Cupid	30	...	...	...	...
248½	197	Dawson	199	-2	...	5.7	15.2
38	22	Drummond	38	...	...	...	...
82	65	Faupel	82	...	...	7.5	12.7
34	15	Foster (John)	20	...	...	...	...
133	82	Gaskell	124	...	4.2	4.3	...
223	156	Hicking Pntcst	220	...	...	2.3	17.1
77	45	Jerome (S)	77	...	...	...	...
366	249	Lamont	366	+1	12.0	4.1	24.2
515	353½	Leeds	515	...	...	1.8	24.9
64	15	Lister	63	...	0.1	0.2	...
122	78	Lyles (S)	83	...	4.9	7.4	9.4
200	89	Magellan	200	...	1.4	0.9	...
171	69	Parkland 'A'	166	...	2.0	1.5	...
102½	82	Readicut	101	...	...	4.3	19.0
58	35	SEET	48	...	...	...	...
139	72	Sirdar	126	-1	5.3	5.5	∞
72	44	Stirling Gp	68	...	1.8	3.4	16.7
51	37	Stoddard	48	...	...	3.9	44.6
312	250	Tomkinsons	290	...	11.5	4.6	25.8
62½	32½	West Trust	36	+½	2.5	8.7	∞
208½	126	Yorklyde	180	...	...	3.6	11.8

TOBACCOS

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
507	407	BAT	472	+10	...	4.9	14.1
745	584½	Rothmans 'B'	645	-4	11.5	2.2	12.8

TRANSPORT

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
469	349	Assoc Br Ports	455	+7	...	2.3	...
854½	707	BAA	852	...	...	2.3	21.2
367	249	Br Airways	357½	...	...	3.7	19.7
106	56	Clarkson (H)	106	+5	1.5	1.8	...
23	23	Davies Newman	23 #	...	...	...	...
515	332	Eurotunnel Uts	488	-2	...	...	...
82	44	Fisher (James)	80	-2	1.0	1.6	21.5
211	147	IoM Steam	208	...	...	4.8	10.9
34	24	Jacobs (JI)	32	...	0.5	2.0	...
96	41	Lon O'Seas Frts	89	...	...	1.4	17.4
2975	1262½	Manchstr Sh	2937½	...	4.5	0.2	16.0
384	280	Mersey Docks	379	+3	9.0	3.1	24.3
271	181	Natl Express	268	-4	...	3.6	17.8
284	230	NFC	268	...	6.5	3.1	20.2
339	244	Ocean Group	318	-1	...	5.6	...
73	40	Ocean Wilson	66	...	4.0	7.6	12.0
676	504	P & O Dfd	566	-12	...	6.7	30.7
169	127	P & O S 1/2%	167	-1	...	4.1	...
563	448	Powell Duffryn	554	+5	...	5.1	21.5
200	117	Seacon	200	+6	...	3.2	12.6
151	112	Stagecoach	149	...	...	3.2	∞
62	31½	TNT	62	+3½	...	...	...
773	624	Tibbet & Britn	700	-15	11.8	2.1	26.7
382	173	Tiphook	264	+9	...	9.1	...
298	227	TDG	255	-2	...	4.7	8.4

WATER

1993 High	Low	Company	Price (p)	+/-	Net div	Yld %	P/E
553	455	Anglian Water	543	+1	...	4.9	11.8
661	547	Northumbrian	643	+1	...	4.4	6.6
537½	431½	North West	531	+2	...	5.0	9.5
564	439	Severn Trent	553	+2	...	4.8	8.9
583	454	Sthn Water	570	+4	...	4.7	9.5
1605	1225	Sth Staffs	1565	-10	47.0	3.8	11.1
596	465	South West	580	+4	...	5.1	9.5
563	454	Thames Water	552	+2	...	4.8	10.8
639	506	Welsh Water	623	+3	...	4.7	6.3
661	536	Wessex Water	645	+2	...	4.2	9.7
593	473½	Yorkshire W	558	+3	...	4.8	9.5

Source: Finstat

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BRITISH FUNDS

SHORTS (under 5 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
108½	101⅞	Treas 13¼% 1993	101⅞	...	13.58	5.46
102¾	100¾	Treas 8½% 1994	100¾	...	8.42	5.60
109½	103⅝	Treas 14½% 1994	103⅝	-⅛	13.97	5.64
109¼	104⅝	Exch 13½% 1994	104⅝	...	12.91	5.65
105⅝	102⅝	Treas 10% 1994	102⅝	...	9.71	5.63
110⅝	106½	Exch 12½% 1994	106½	...	11.79	5.58
105⅝	103⅝	Treas 9% 1994	103⅝	...	8.68	5.59
111⅝	108	Treas 12% 1995	108	...	11.11	5.65
97⅝	94	Gas 3% 1990-95	97⅝	...	3.08	4.63
109½	107⅝	Exch 10¼% 1995	107½	...	9.52	5.73
116½	113½	Treas 12¾% 1995	113½	...	11.23	5.80
120⅝	117⅝	Treas 14% 1996	117⅝	+⅛	11.95	5.99
125½	121⅝	Treas 15¼% 1996	121⅝	+⅛	12.56	6.09
120⅝	116½	Exch 13¼% 1996	117½	+⅛	11.31	6.10
111½	108½	Conv 10% 1996	110½	+⅛	9.04	6.19
122⅝	118⅝	Treas 13¼% 1997	120½	+⅛	11.02	6.38
113½	110⅝	Exch 10½% 1997	112⅝	+⅛	9.33	6.31
109	103½	Treas 8¾% 1997	108½	+⅛	8.07	6.30
132⅝	127⅝	Exch 15% 1997	129⅝	+⅛	11.56	6.55
112⅝	109½	Exch 9¾% 1998	112⅝	+⅛	8.70	6.47
103½	99⅝	Treas 7¼% 1998	103½	+⅛	7.01	6.36
101½	97⅝	Treas 6¾% 1995-98	101⅝	+⅛	6.69	6.11
129½	125⅝	Treas 14% 1998-01	128⅝	+⅛	10.93	6.83

MEDIUMS (5 to 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
138⅝	133⅝	Treas 15½% 1998	137	+⅛	11.31	6.68
123⅝	118½	Exch 12% 1998	122½	+⅛	9.83	6.81
113½	108½	Treas 9½% 1999	112½	+⅛	8.45	6.66
125½	120½	Exch 12¼% 1999	124½	+⅛	9.86	6.87
118½	112⅝	Treas 10½% 1999	117⅝	+⅛	8.96	6.76
118⅝	112½	Conv 10¼% 1999	117⅝	+⅛	8.76	6.79
113	106	Conv 9% 2000	111⅝	+⅛	8.06	6.72
133⅝	125½	Treas 13% 2000	131½	+⅛	9.88	7.05
118½	109⅝	Treas 10% 2001	116⅝	+⅛	8.55	7.00
119⅝	108½	Treas 9¾% 2002	117⅝	+⅛	8.33	7.10
108⅝	97⅝	Treas 8% 2003	106⅝	+⅛	7.49	7.00
122½	109½	Treas 10% 2003	119½	+⅛	8.34	7.16
129⅝	116½	Treas 11½% 2001-04	129⅝	+⅛	9.28	7.27
81½	67⅝	Fund 3½% 1999-04	79⅝	+⅛	4.41	6.12
119½	105½	Conv 9½% 2004	117⅝	+⅛	8.12	7.22
119⅝	105½	Conv 9½% 2005	117⅝	+⅛	8.00	7.24
137½	124½	Treas 12½% 2003-05	134½	+⅛	9.27	7.50
107	94½	Treas 8% 2002-06	104½	+⅛	7.63	7.26
130½	118⅝	Treas 11¾% 2003-07	128⅝	+⅛	9.17	7.47
112½	97½	Treas 8½% 2007	110½	+⅛	7.71	7.29
145⅝	131½	Treas 13½% 2004-08	143½	+⅛	9.43	7.48

LONGS (over 15 years)

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
117½	101½	Treas 9% 2008	114⅝	+⅛	7.83	7.32
108½	93½	Treas 8% 2009	105½	+⅛	7.56	7.35
118½	100½	Conv 9% 2011	115½	+⅛	7.77	7.37
118⅝	100½	Treas 9% 2012	116½	+⅛	7.74	7.37
86½	70½	Treas 5½% 2008-12	85½	+1	6.42	6.94
106⅝	89½	Treas 7¾% 2012-15	104½	+⅛	7.42	7.32
108⅝	93⅝	Treas 8% 2013	106½	+⅛	7.52	7.37
148⅝	125⅝	Exch 12% 2013-17	145⅝	+⅛	8.24	7.54
117½	97⅝	Treas 8¾% 2017	115⅝	+⅛	7.59	7.36

UNDATED

1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
48⅝	38½	War Ln 3½%	47⅝	...	7.42	...
34½	27⅝	Treas 2½%	33½	+½	7.53	...

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1993 High	Low	Stock	Price £	+/-	Int yld %	Grs red yld
135⅝	131⅝	Treas IL 2% 1994	135⅝	+⅛	...	0.18
199⅝	194⅝	Treas IL 2% 1996	199½	+⅛	1.53	2.43
110½	105⅝	Treas IL 4⅝% 1998	110½	+⅛	1.93	2.59
169⅝	159	Treas IL 2½% 2001	168⅝	+⅛	2.67	3.05
166½	155	Treas IL 2½% 2003	165½	+⅛	2.82	3.13
113⅝	103½	Treas IL 4⅝% 2004	112½	+⅛	2.87	3.17
176⅝	159½	Treas IL 2% 2006	174½	+⅛	2.88	3.12
160½	144	Treas IL 2½% 2009	159⅝	+⅛	3.01	3.22
167½	148⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2011	166⅝	+⅛	3.03	3.22
139½	122½	Treas IL 2½% 2013	137⅝	+⅛	3.05	3.23
149½	130⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2016	148½	+⅛	3.07	3.23
145½	126⅝	Treas IL 2½% 2020	143½	+⅛	3.11	3.25
122½	102½	Treas IL 2½% 2024	120½	+⅛	3.10	3.23
122⅝	103½	Treas IL 4⅛% 2030	120⅝	+⅛	3.12	3.25

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Help at the end of the line

Dealing with angry customers requires technical and social skills, says

David Hewson

A top job in customer support with one of the computer industry's big names can mean a package worth more than £30,000 a year. But it can be hard, challenging work, strictly limited to those who can leave their stress at the office.

Telephone support workers are the voice on the end of the line against whom a disgruntled user may discharge his fury, sometimes in highly abusive tones. They can also receive some extremely daft questions.

One supplier spent hours on the telephone to a customer whose floppy disc had jammed in the drive only to discover that the disc in question was a five-and-a-quarter inch version, which had been physically crammed into the single three-and-a-half inch drive that came with the machine. Another company, accused by a frustrated customer of sending out faulty software, received photocopies of the offending disc and a note asking for it to be fixed.

For all the strains of customer support, it is a skill which is becoming ever more important in the personal computer world. Software companies, increasingly keen to hook users into an almost annual cycle of upgrades, know that they are unlikely to get repeat business from dissatisfied users.

For the manufacturers, who are now turning out computers that are physically little different from each other, good technical support is one way of setting themselves apart from their competitors. Microsoft's technical support unit has increased from 32 people three years ago to 220 to cope with the flood of calls, currently running at around 3,000 a day.

People working in customer services come from a wide range of backgrounds. Some are ex-programmers, now supporting software on which they first worked. Others are field engineers who have abandoned the road for the telephone hotlines. A few are dedicated software users with no special technical background but with a knowledge of a particular application, and an ability to deal with customers that has won them a full-time job.

There is no generally recognised qualification for customer support workers, though the larger companies usually run in-house training systems, and a diploma or degree in computer studies can give a head start. However, employers expect support workers to have a sound technical knowledge of personal computers; personality, and an ability to deal with people, is essential.

For example, both Microsoft and Dell, a personal computer manufacturer, train staff in dealing with difficult customers, using the same kind of techniques found in teaching airline departure desk workers how to handle travellers affected by flight delays.

Tony Ettlinger, Microsoft's director of product support services, says that applicants can rule themselves out of a job at a first interview if they fail to listen actively to the questions put to them. He says: "A lot of people think that customer support is a mundane job, but it isn't. It can be very stressful. For some reason, people think it is OK to be very abusive down the 'phone in a way they would not be in person."

The level of technical experience required will vary from company to company and application to application. In fields such as networking and Microsoft's new Windows NT system, a high degree of technical knowledge is going to be essential, and that will be supplemented by in-house training. For more general support, a working knowledge of using a computer for everyday tasks may well suffice.

Dell, which has 100 customer support staff running a free, 24-hour, seven-days-a-week hotline for the life of its products, has a complicated recruitment operation, involving a technical test, a telephone skills test, a personality test and an intensive interview.

Those who make the grade then go on a two-week induction course followed by a three to five-week course on customer support before they even talk to a customer.

In most companies, starting salaries begin at £10,000-£12,000 per annum, but competition for experienced and skilled staff means that they can secure packages worth £30,000 or more, with cars and other incentives.

The growth of customer support services makes for an obvious career path from telephone support to managing support operations. Chris Norton, Dell's customer services manager, says that the skills developed in dealing with people often lead to work in sales roles, or specialist support teams handling larger customers.

Companies also receive a constant stream of applications for customer support jobs, which are usually welcomed, though recruitment tends to be phased to specific timetables so a speculative application may simply go into the pending file.

PETER TRIEVNOR



Tony Ettlinger, Microsoft's director of product support services, with two colleagues

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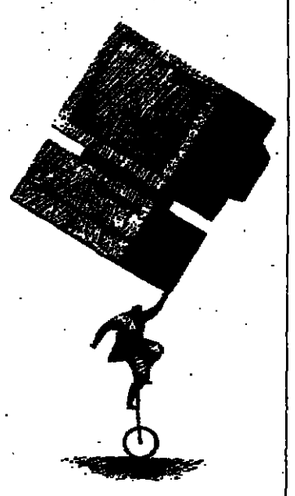
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Gateway to a billion-dollar fortune

Matthew May meets the American mail-order king who is about to flood Britain with cheaper PCs

Personal computers are never cheap, at least not according to those who make and sell them. Cheap can too easily imply something nasty or of poor quality. But whether they are called "value brands", low-priced or budget — PCs and their portable cousins will be getting cheaper.

Next month a new and giant competitor is coming to Britain. Gateway 2000 is a company that in less than eight years has grown from a two-person outfit, run from a farm in Iowa, to a billion-dollar business that dominates the mail-order market of computers in America. Last year it sold almost half a million systems, resulting in a 76 per cent increase in its sales, worth more than $1 billion, and a $105-million profit.

Gateway is based in North Sioux City in South Dakota, an area with low labour costs and overheads for any business. Production and marketing for British sales will take place in Ireland. It will be the company's first venture overseas and, as in America, its products will be available only by mail order, removing the need for the extra profit margin that usually goes to dealers or computer stores.

The rapid growth of Gateway has also made Ted Waitt, founder and now president and chief executive, rich at the age of 30. He owns half the company, but packages his products in spotted "cow boxes" to reflect his family's humble beginnings as cattle farmers. "Prices are generally a lot higher in Britain, but ours will be very similar to those we charge in the United States," he says.

> 'Nobody will come close to our prices'

It could be welcome news for British customers as PC prices here are often 20 to 30 per cent higher than in America. Gateway's basic 486 notebook computer, one of 12 models to go on sale soon, will cost £1,000 plus VAT, compared to $1,500 (about £980) in the US. It already sells more than 20,000 computers a year to people outside the US.

"On most products nobody will come close to our prices," Mr Waitt promises. Initial customers for the British models, he says, are expected to be second or third-time buyers who know what they want, understand the jargon and feel safe in buying at low prices because they understand exactly what is on offer.

Perhaps surprisingly for a company selling so strongly on price all Gateway machines use Intel chips and not the cheaper clones that are starting to appear. "We have found that most customers prefer Intel and the cost savings from using another company's chips are really not that great," Mr Waitt says.

Gateway's growth is a strength and a weakness. Analysts say it offers the lowest prices for "viable products" because customers feel secure that it will be around in the future. But the company's rapid expansion has also caused problems in keeping customer and technical support services up to the level of some competitors, although that may be improving.

While an American survey of customer satisfaction this month, by marketing firm JD Powers & Associates, ranked Dell and Compaq highest — Gateway came a respectable third and ahead of Apple and IBM who were described as below average.

Dell Computer, the mail-order pioneer in this field, has clearly had its feathers ruffled and has gone on the attack. Its advertising in America is running headlines such as: "The gateway to the hottest PC technology isn't Gateway" and "Performance that blows the gates off Gateway".

Dell's sales are double those of Gateway. Last month it announced its fifteenth consecutive quarter of revenue growth, but it also had to announce the first quarterly loss.

Dell's response to such fierce price competition includes dividing the market into several different customer types as part of a plan to target market niches and produce different computers for different people.

Michael Dell, the chief executive of the company that bears his name, has come up with the idea of defining "techno types" that his company can make tailor-made products for. "The strategy that one size-fits all doesn't work when it comes to matching people with the right PC," he says.

Among the categories, for example, is the "techno-wizard", defined as a technology expert or hobbyist who wants the hottest technology for the lowest price and whose greatest concern is losing the edge.

The "techno-to-go" on the other hand wants a computer that comes ready-to-run out of the box. He is interested in what a computer can do, but not how it works. His greatest concern is being left alone without service and support.

The "techno-boomer" wants to look smart, does research and seeks recommendations before making a decision. His greatest concern is getting it wrong. While the "techno-novice" wants to look smart, he has no knowledge or experience of technology. Finally, there is the "techno-phobe" who rejects technology and avoids it wherever possible.

The advantage of this idea, if it works, is that it identifies those who do not buy primarily on price. Unfortunately for those who sell PCs, the largest group is the "techno-phobes".

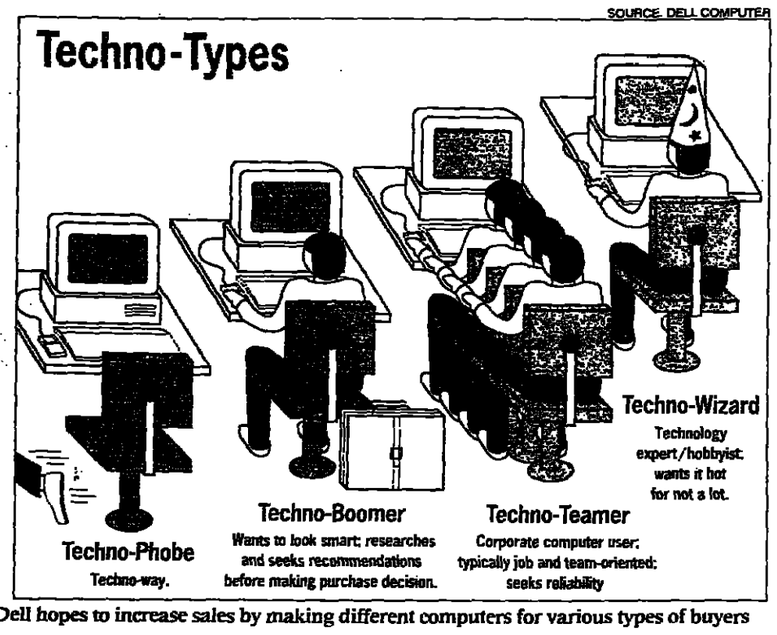
A survey, published by Dell this week, found that nearly half the British suffer from technophobia — however, this apparently still leaves us more comfortable with technology than the French or the Germans. "Techno-phobes believe that the more technology creeps into their lives, the less control they have," Dell says.

Such is the pace of change in the business that Northern Shell, a publishing company, has decided that in addition to countless monthly computer magazines the time has returned when sufficient customers can be persuaded to buy a weekly magazine to keep up to date.

The first issue of *PC News Weekly* went on sale yesterday at £1.35. Techno-phobes are unlikely to join the rush.



Ted Waitt with his "cow box" products and, right, how Dell hopes to increase sales by making different computers for various types of buyers



Goodbye to the ballot box?

Next June, voters in Brussels, Antwerp and Liège are to be guinea pigs in a computerised ballot. Their ballot papers will be like credit cards and, behind the polling booth curtains, they will find a screen and light-pen.

The impetus for the use of new and faster technology comes from Belgian members of parliament who are fed up waiting all night, after a traditional paper-based ballot, for the count to show if they are still employed.

The ferociously complex Belgian version of proportional representation makes it an ideal candidate for computerisation. Counting, recounting, ranking and calculating percentages can keep a Flemish returning officer busy until dawn, but it is the stuff of a microprocessor's dreams.

In 1988, the government invited tenders to develop a friendly and re-usable electronic system. The winning consortium includes Philips, the software house Stesud, Barco and a small systems engineering company called Dzine. The consortium is now preparing for a large-scale trial at the next European parliamentary elections in 1994.

What might at first appear to be a simple case of data transfer has turned out to be a delicate exercise in anti-fraud design that minimises technophobia and observes political sensitivities.

"Our system mimics the traditional ballot by keeping the polling booth and the ballot box physically and electronically separate," says Derk Ghekiere, Dzine's general manager. "Each stage has been computerised to make it faster, but they have not been linked because that could increase the risk of corruption and fraud."

The traditional system of papers, booths and boxes has evolved from the need to keep elections clean and secure. The Belgians have so far spent five years working out a system that can reach the same standards electronically.

Next June, the Belgians are testing a computerised voting system



The days of old-style ballot box voting may soon be over

Voters will be given a plastic card with a magnetic strip that is inserted into a personal computer in the polling booth. The screen prompts them to choose a language of preference — Flemish or French — and will then display a list of all candidates. As many as 100 have been known to run for a single constituency.

> The computer will deliver the results instantly

The Belgian government specified that 125 names must fit on a single screen because no one would want the possible obscurity of being relegated to a second screen. The screen also is black and white so party colours do not influence the voters.

By pressing a light-pen against a candidate's name, a black circle appears to the right of the name. The voter then has the option of changing the vote or confirming it and moving on to the next screen and the next vote.

The use of touch-sensitive screens was rejected because smears from fingertips could reveal how previous voters had voted.

The mouse was not chosen because it usually requires some hand/eye co-ordination and training, while the keyboard can intimidate people not familiar with computers.

The light-pen, on the other hand, most resembles the pencil and paper system that people know and understand.

Votes are recorded on to the magnetic strip before the plastic card is ejected. The voter will then take the card and insert it into another personal computer which fulfils the role of electronic ballot box. This reads the magnetic strip and retains the card.

This computer counts the votes as they come in and will, at the close of the poll, deliver the results instantly. At the last general election, the count in Brussels took two days. In the Belgian trials, where voting is compulsory, 1.3 million electors will cast their votes on 1,800 computers and 350 more will be used to count them in the three test constituencies.

To keep costs down, specially adapted personal computers used in schools will be used. Over the past year, a card reader and two dormant chips have been added to them.

At election time next year, the polling officer will insert a smart card into the relevant computers and the usual chip will be switched off and isolated while sleeping, election chips wake up. After the election the polling officer will reverse the process. The smart card even counts the number of computers switched off to make sure that none have disappeared, along with their votes.

While there will be no electronic trace of who voted for whom, the plastic cards will be kept safe in case post-election recounts are needed. But, unlike ballot papers, the information on the magnetic strips can be erased and the cards re-used at the next election.

The trials will cost BF480 million (about £1 million). If they succeed, the Belgian government will give every district the opportunity to have their schools' computers adapted for elections the following spring, although paper ballots will continue to be a legal alternative.

MAX GLASKIN

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THE largest worldwide provider of information services to personal computer users, Compuserve, is to start a multimedia extension of its information service, next year.

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Opening lines

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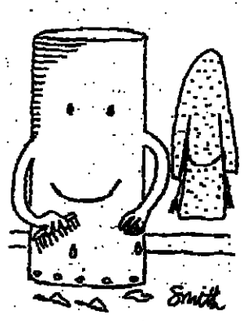
The poll, of 500 chief executives, found support ranging from 75 per cent in France to 94 per cent in Holland.

EC ministers decided in June to liberalise the telephone market for voice communications by 1998, but EC countries with the least-developed networks might benefit from a delay of five years.

Yen for a shower

AFTER four years and millions of yen worth of government funding, the Japanese will soon be able to buy the ultimate in shower technology — a bath robot.

Bathers need only sit inside the 5ft 3in-tall cubicle to savour the entire computer-controlled treatment: a three-minute sauna, followed by a spray of hot water, a jet of soap, more hot water to rinse, then a cool, drying breeze.



Fuji Shoko, the manufacturer, says the £30,000 robot was originally targeted at workers coming home too tired or drunk to bathe themselves but now hope "Bath Robot" will be appreciated by the elderly.

Unhappy pact

FRICTION between Tokyo and Washington escalated this week over the amount of market-share cornered by foreign countries in Japan's semiconductor industry.

Japan claims the share is 21.6 per cent, while America says it is 19.2 per cent. It is a crucial difference. Japan and the US signed a semiconductor pact in 1992 under which Tokyo agreed to a goal of 20 per cent by the end of 1992.

Joint project

VIDEO game-maker Sega and the electronics company, Hitachi, are to jointly develop hardware and software for multimedia projects.

Sega says it has begun working on a new home-use video game machine based on a Hitachi chip for 1994. Hitachi plans to develop portable communications devices for business uses.

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The switch to electronic commerce

Jane Bird wonders why more British companies are not investing in electronic trading


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John Leigh, the managing director of Eurodollar, which has set up electronic links with 4,000 business partners

Since 1989, John Leigh, managing director of Eurodollar, the car-rental giant, has had electronic links with 4,000 business partners, including customers, travel agents and banks. Eurodollar, formerly Swan National, is now the UK's biggest British-owned car rental company.

"Electronic trading has had a crucial role in helping us *to* achieve our goals," says Mr Leigh, who believes strongly that companies should give up their addiction to paper and use electronic trading, known more formally as electronic data interchange. EDI involves the transmission of orders, invoices, remittance notes, and ultimately payments, by computer communications using phone lines.

Next month, about 2,000 people are expected to visit Birmingham for EDI 93, an exhibition and conference on electronic trading. Electronic trading is considered faster, easier and more accurate than traditional paper-based systems. Orders can be despatched in seconds, reducing the risk of customers running out of stock.

At Coats Viyella, the textile and clothing group, for example, large efficiency gains have been made.

Stephen Russell, divisional finance director for Coats Viyella, says: "In the past, dye batches would sometimes sit around for 24 hours waiting for the paperwork from the customer to catch up." Now instructions arrive in advance.

When machines communicate directly with each other, there are also fewer opportunities for error. Accurate transmission is virtually guaranteed, so long as correct data has been entered.

Public-sector use may soon account for half of UK traffic

The technology enables users to access and contribute to vast databases, whether to list their products or find suppliers. Eurodollar automatically feeds the registration details of its 12,000 vehicles into a national database used by dealers when buying and selling cars. This reduces the likelihood of theft of the vehicles.

So why haven't more businesses switched to electronic trading? PFA, a London consultancy, says that only about 10,000 organisations use it to any extent.

Gil Patrick, a PFA director, comments: "We forecast an increase of betwen 25 and 30 per cent in the number of organisations using EDI this year, but the figure has been more like 20 per cent."

Most of the growth is among large corporate users, up to a third of which now have an electronic trading capability.

"But even they only exploit it for a tiny proportion of the potential transactions" says Mr Patrick. Overall he estimates that fewer than 5 per cent of business transactions in Britain are handled electronically.

In the past, many users cited lack of industry standards as a reason not to invest in EDI. But this excuse is no longer valid, says Gary Lynch, the EDI Association's chief executive. There are now two standards — Tradecoms for British traffic and Edifact for international transactions. "Standards are not an issue," he says. " Anyone who says they will not install EDI because there are no standards has either misunderstood or been misled."

Another common reason given for delay is that the equipment is still expensive to install.

Lee Tate, managing director of International Network Services, the biggest supplier of EDI facilities, admits "Cost is certainly part of the problem."

In the past, many companies were forced by single powerful customers to adopt the technology. "But we are running out of companies that have this much power over the market," Mr Tate says. "If we are to make the breakthrough to get 100,000 users, we need to lower the entry cost for small and medium-size businesses."

One way to justify the cost of investment is to analyse the extra custom the new technology might bring. "Would-be users should take into account what they might otherwise spend on marketing," Mr Leigh says, "Then it would not seem so expensive."

Another way of easing an organisation gently into the technology is via the more user-friendly electronic mail: people send each other messages just as they would on paper. Once the benefits are demonstrated, it is easier to win support for the more highly structured data-exchange techniques of EDI.

The technology is also benefiting from the current fashion for business process re-engineering, whereby organisations restructure to improve efficiency and streamline their methods of handling information. Electronic trading can be a part of this.

Although EDI has been pioneered by the private sector, government users could soon become the main users. There is enormous potential in areas such as health records, social service benefits, the judiciary, and defence procurement.

Communications between doctors, pathology laboratories and hospitals could be speeded up, for example, thereby improving patient care and reducing the present duplication of data.

The first steps are being taken, and by the end of next year, according to the PFA, public-sector applications could account for about half of British traffic, compared with virtually none in 1987.

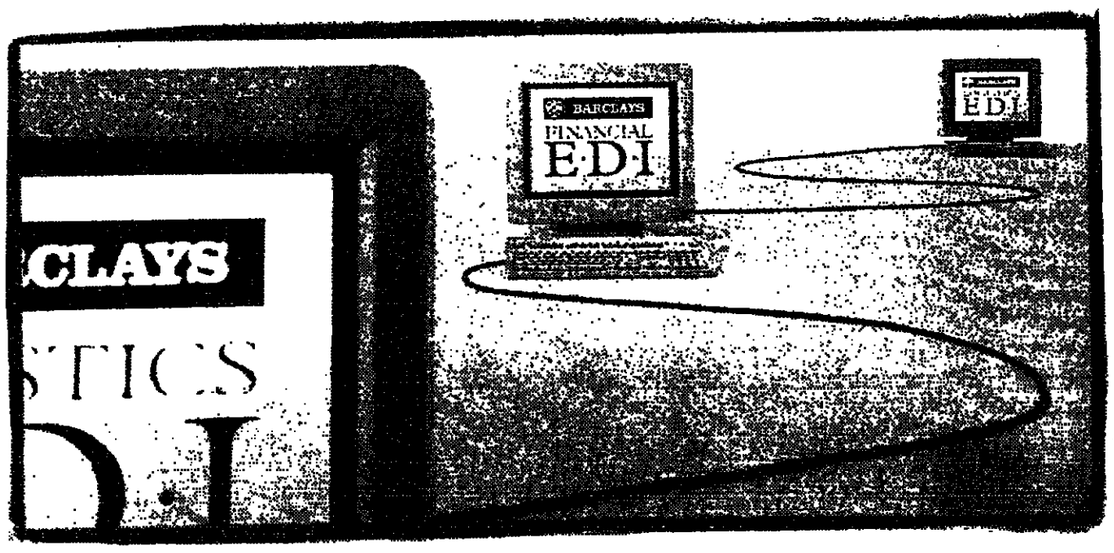
Another stimulus to growth should be the gradual recognition of how widely electronic trading can be applied. At present, it is still often the preserve of coteries of users in specific sectors such as retailing, vehicle manufacturing and airline reservation, says Ray Walker, the chief executive of the Simpler Trade Procedures Board, the body which works on the development of EDI standards.

"There is a lack of realisation that it is an ubiquitous tool. Once you have it in one department, you can use it across the board," Mr Walker says. "People need to look at the whole business."

● *EDI 93, an exhibition and conference on electronic trading, will take place at Birmingham ICC from October 5-7. Further information: Blenheim Online (081-742 2828).*

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System wins a lead role in showbusiness


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Richard Cowan of Entertainment UK uses electronic data interchange to control stock

For more and more companies, electronic data interchange is providing a basis for an electronic trading process. It is now used, for example, in the television advertising industry to check schedules and book airtime computer-to-computer, completely eliminating the normal delays associated with fax transfer of information.

A system links most of the main television stations in Britain, plus 20 of the top 25 advertising agencies, providing a flow of information between airtime buyers and sellers, which, says Nick Brown, of Russel & Brown, software developers, "is achieving an average reduction of 70 per cent in the time spent on routine administration tasks".

It is now being extended to the press, linking the advertising agencies with leading publishing companies. The advantage here will be the ability to book the same advertisement in, say, 60 different local papers centrally.

But perhaps the industry that epitomises the benefits of electronic trading is showbusiness. Entertainment UK, part of the Kingfisher group, and a big distributor of home entertainment products, manages the stocking and replenishment of some 70 million stock items for hundreds of non-specialist outlets.

Explaining the need for fast response, Richard Cowan, logistics director of Entertainment UK, says: "We have well over 100 suppliers and we introduce about 1,000 products a month. Customers are able to choose from more than

Keeping control of stock has become faster and easier

150,000 chart or catalogue entertainment products at any one time.

"Maintaining a high level of availability while minimising stock in a fast-changing market is singularly difficult. A title that drops out of the charts is as unsaleable as yesterday's newspaper."

To transfer and process large amounts of data quickly, the company uses an EDI and bar-code system, called Chart Line, where information from 80 per cent of its retail customers is electronically transmitted.

By extending the EDI link to its main carrier, Parceline, Entertainment UK has also been able to reduce order turnaround to next-day delivery, as well as saving costs and eliminating errors. Entertainment UK is now making 250,000 deliveries a year, which equates to 15,000 units an hour.

Martin Silman, the opportunity manager for IBM's Information Network, argues that multimedia has a great future as an extension for electronic trading. His company plans to launch a product, Netmedia, later this year to take advantage of the idea. "One of the problems we have always found is how you start the whole process. With a multimedia system that incorporates touch-screens, people can look at videos showing what products are available, the colour and the patterns.

"They can make their selection, place the order, state the delivery location and the time they require it, and pay by keying in their account number or swiping their credit card or debit card.

"Once that is done, the order effectively drops out of the back of the screen as an EDI order and continues through the supply and delivery chain completely electronically."

One potential user is Wedgwood, the ceramics manufacturer, which has 300 small retailers selling their wares at very high cost per component.

Mr Silman says: "They are getting Department of Industry funding for a pilot multimedia project that will enable their retailers, who can carry only a small selection, to sell the whole range by making use of a TV-like kiosk."

Government departments, with their mountains of forms and other paper documents, are prime candidates for the electronic interchange of information.

But, as Henry Jerwood, electronic commerce manager for Tandem UK, explains, "The one thing that differentiates government is in the area of statistics. A hot topic now is the use of the electronic transmission computer-to-computer of examination results and teachers' pensions from schools to the local education authority and the Department of Education."

JULIE HARNETT

Martin Whybrow describes efforts to widen the use of services that can pay bills electronically



Small companies still shy away

Many companies would like to be able to pay their bills electronically. Most big banks have therefore developed electronic payment over the past few years. Until recently, such services have been used only by the largest corporate customers — usually those companies that pioneered the use of electronic trading in other areas such as ordering and stock management.

Even these users have tended merely to make payments to and from their own bank, without being able to do what is referred to as "closing the loop", which means being able to link suppliers or buyers electronically via their respective banks, with payment instructions and credit and remittance messages flowing seamlessly back and forth.

But change is on the way as a few banks look at the needs of small companies in this area, perhaps prodded once more by their larger customers, who are becoming frustrated by the reluctance of their suppliers to adopt electronic trade payments. Some big companies outside the traditional financial area are also preparing to offer their own services.

Why have smaller companies shied away from adopting electronic trade payments? The main deterrent has been mostly the cost of entry.

"We were often asking customers to jump in too high in terms of the technology," admits Tim Earles, a senior manager at Barclays. The cost could be tens of thousands of pounds. In particular, it is necessary to modify existing, often ageing, accounting systems so that a file for electronic payments can be produced. A piece of software is required to turn this file into a readable message complying with electronic trading standards. Then, and crucially in the area of payments, some form of security is needed — encryption and, ideally, authentication — to reduce the possibility of fraud. It can be very daunting for a small company.

There are also some non-technical barriers. Payment is clearly at the end of any trade cycle so has often been left to last when it has come to automation.

Colin Tyne, the head of payment management at Midland Bank, also says that many companies find it difficult to cost-justify the move to electronic payment because they do not know, and probably underestimate, how much it costs at present to make a payment. In addition, he says that there is not yet the critical mass required to persuade smaller companies to join in. He says: "For these, the more payments they can do electronically, the more attractive it becomes."

One further problem concerns making electronic payments across national borders. The problem has recently been the focus of much attention, and the European Commission is keen that problems here should not undermine the free flow of goods within the community.

But only a handful of companies are at present linking with their suppliers overseas for the electronic exchange of payment messages. A few countries, such as Sweden, are fairly well advanced in their uptake of electronic trading, but most actually lag behind Britain.

> Until recently, such services have been used only by the largest corporate customers

In many western European countries, banks are still trying to exchange electronic messages with their own domestic customers, let alone looking at links abroad.

How might this state of affairs be improved? The banks are now fairly well organised for exchanging electronic payment messages between themselves. In Britain, the four big clearing banks, as well as the Royal Bank of Scotland, have established the Interbank Data Exchange for transmitting messages between one another.

Worldwide, the Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication (Swift) also has an electronic trading service. Owned by the banks, Swift was set up 20 years ago to provide a network for interbank telecommunications.

Swift, along with many firms, would like to see some form of membership that would provide corporate customers with limited access directly to the Swift network.

The problem is that the banks do not want to find that their own service company has become a competitor. Although corporate membership of Swift is being discussed, not least because Swift is fearful of new competitors waiting in the wings, a short to medium term solution will probably have to be found elsewhere.

One possibility is Scitor, which operates the airlines' Sita network. This has almost the same global reach as the Swift network and has been eyeing the financial market for some time. It is testing a service for sending interbank messages, using the message standards developed by Swift. Unlike Swift, it has no qualms about letting corporates in on the act.

A company called City Networks, which manages the broker confirmation network in London, has recently launched an on-line deal confirmation service for linking banks to corporate customers. A pilot involving five banks plus Unilever and Smith Kline Beecham is in progress.

Electronic conformation matching is an important means of reducing risk but it clearly does not constitute a full electronic payments service. Neil Coles, City Networks' business manager, does not rule out the possibility of extending the service once additional security has been added.

Some of the banks themselves are now offering services for small businesses. Barclays, has signed an agreement under which Sage, a software firm, will tailor its personal computer-based accounting package to send and receive information from a new Barclays service.

Barclays, which is to start the service over the next few months, has already gained support from the Norwich Health Authority and Peugeot, the French car company which has a plant in Britain. The health authority, for instance, has been using Barclays' existing electronic trading service for some time. However, it has found that only the largest 10 per cent of its 3,000 suppliers have adopted the means to send payments electronically.

This is the experience of many and because electronic payments remain the preserve of only the biggest few, the full benefits of a more efficient operation will remain elusive.

Computers have their day in court

The need to keep all-paper records is coming to an end

Computer business records may be accepted in evidence more easily in court cases following a report by the English Law Commission last week. The commission's long-awaited report recommends the abolition of the rules that restrict the use of hearsay, or so-called second-hand evidence.

Most business records kept on paper are considered hearsay evidence, although they may still be admissable in courts that have been liberal in their interpretation of legal rules. The law imposes additional conditions on the use of computer-generated evidence because of what is seen as the unreliability of such records.

The commission recommends that further restrictions on the use of computer-generated records are eased by treating such records in the same way as paper records. The commission recognises that the special rules that exist for the admissibility of computer records have the potential to restrict the adoption of and reliance on new technologies such as the use of Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) for electronic trading.

> Such practices can be burdensome and costly

The report quotes Lloyd's of London, the co-sponsors of an electronic data interchange network for the insurance market, as expressing specific concerns that London might lose its market advantage unless there is change.

The abolition of these rules, which may take time within the normally crowded parliamentary agenda, should remove the legal uncertainty that exists over electronic record-keeping. Surveys have shown that many electronic traders have maintained paper copies of their messages because of doubts about the legal acceptability of electronic records. Such practices can be burdensome and costly.

Another popular though mistaken belief among EDI users is the idea that "original" documents should be maintained for evidential purposes. However, case law, legal commentators and now the law commission agree that copies of documents are admissible in evidence. The weight given to such copies will be assessed on the same basis as other forms of evidence.

Although the removal of the admissibility requirements will place the status of electronic records on the same level as records written on paper, the evidential value placed on any documentary record in a dispute is dependent on being able to show that the record is a true and accurate representation of what is being asserted.

In terms of electronic records this is primarily a matter of satisfying the court that adequate data security procedures exist to detect and guard against tampering or possible discrepancies.

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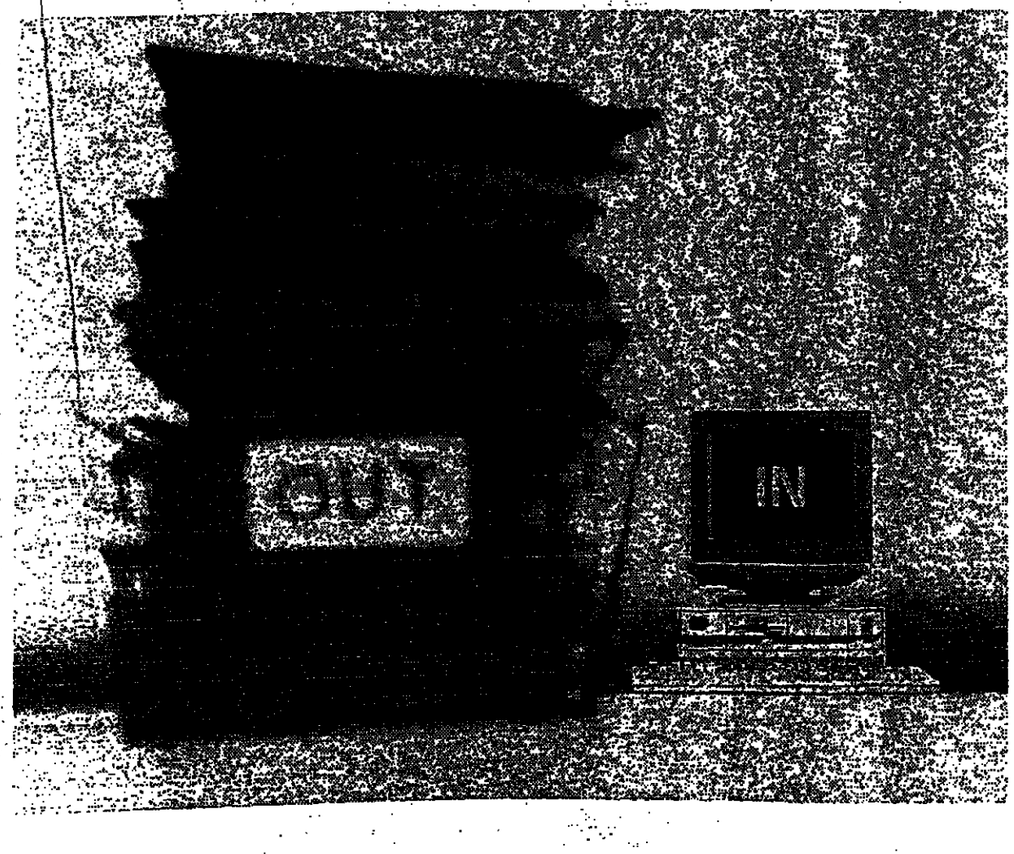
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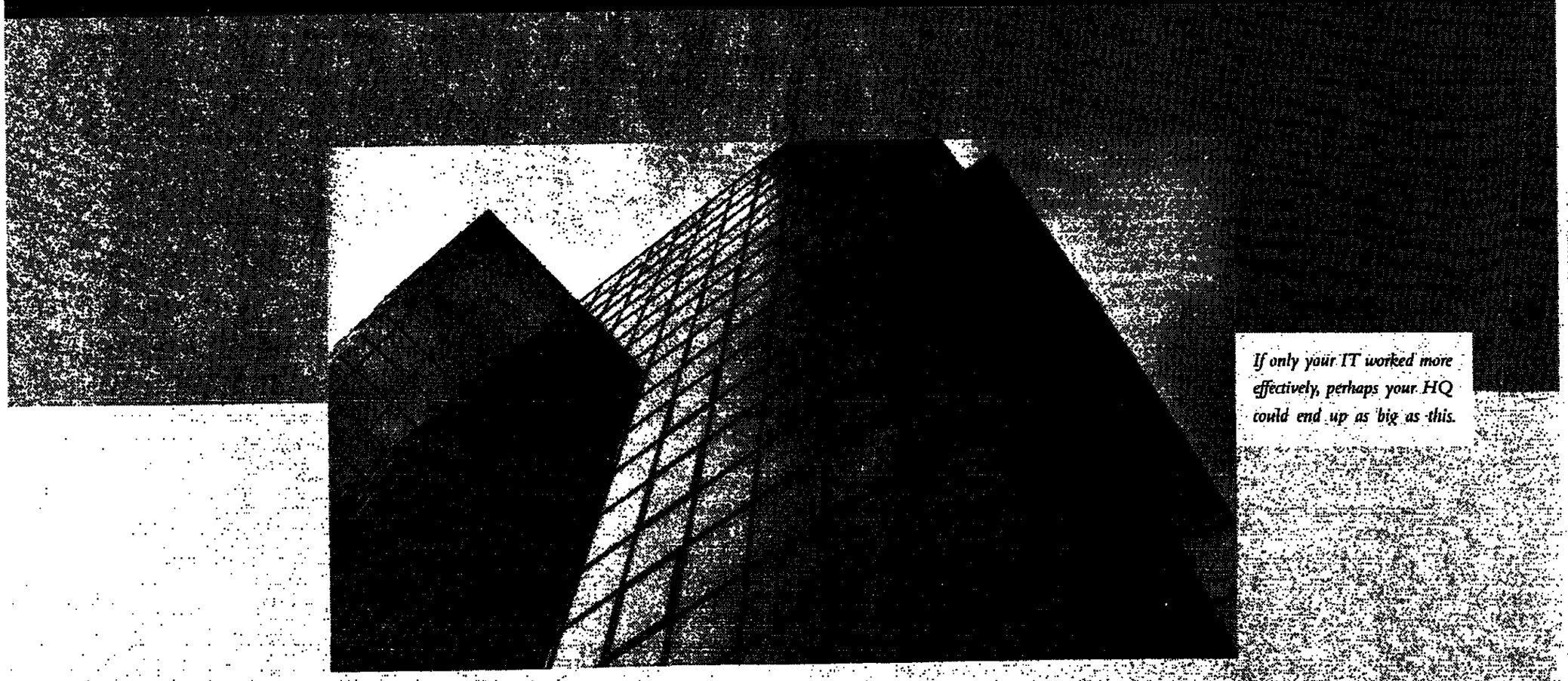
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Andrew Blatherwick at Iceland's dispatch sector. The company can have £50 million of goods as stock at any one time

New motto: never knowingly sold out

Retailers and suppliers are finding that computer forecasting is indispensible, **Frank Booty** reports

The principles of trading partnerships and quick response relationships can be helped enormously by electronic trading, reducing time in the supply chain and thus reducing costs.

Initially, buyers used electronic trading just for passing on orders and receiving invoices. Now several companies, such as B & Q, Tesco, Coats Viyella and Sears, are using electronic trading to send up-to-the minute forecasts of their likely future needs to suppliers.

In turn, suppliers can send electronic forecasts of their manufacturing output to customers to make sure that levels of supply and demand are likely to match.

Iceland, the food retailer, started trading electronically in April. Iceland stocks 2,000 product lines in its 650 British stores and European outlets and now has an electronic trading programme covering 400 international suppliers. Thirty per cent of total orders are now sent electronically to suppliers such as Burtons and Campbells and Gerber Foods.

Andrew Blatherwick, supply chain director for Iceland, says: "We are driving our programme forward by encouraging suppliers to adopt electronic trading for ordering.

"Then we'll extend the system to cover forecasting, price and product data and delivery advice messages."

It sees a key advantage in being able to provide regular updates to suppliers on demand forecasts allowing suppliers to make sure they will be in a position to meet that demand. Simultaneously, Iceland will have access to the production schedules of suppliers to check that they have enough stock.

Stock can be the highest cost for a retail business; hence the advantage of any system that gives a retailer the ability to improve the availability of products without needing to increase stock.

The picture becomes clearer given the fact that Iceland can have £50 million of goods as stock at any one time to try to ensure that customer demand can be met in all its stores.

Sarah Philpott, Rover Group's systems coordinator for electronic trading projects, says: "At Longbridge, where the Rover 200 and 400 cars are assembled, we operate three types of forecasting — a planning schedule, which goes to all suppliers; timed delivery, which goes out weekly to a specified number of suppliers; and sequenced delivery, which is strategic and operates around the clock."

Fifteen of the suppliers that work on sequenced supply are given orders, just as a car starts its life on track, so that parts are delivered 12 hours later.

If ten red vehicles are on track, 20 red wing-mirrors will arrive on time further along the line. With local companies, a 40-minute delivery time operates, so that by the time the body shell has passed through the paint plant, the parts are there.

"Sequenced supply is for the awkward parts that would snow us under if we did not have an alternative," says Ms Philpott.

BWL Component Engineering, a Coventry Tube manufacturer, gets 63 per cent of its business from supplying Rover with all types of pipes. The company provides pipes for cars and tractors from 3/16th of an inch to two inches in diameter.

Ten per cent of the business goes to Massey-Ferguson. Other companies, such as Toyota, Jaguar and Ford, take 27 per cent.

Jessie McVie, the director of finance at BWL, says: "The electronic information we get through daily from Rover is a must for production and planning management.

"When scheduling was introduced we thought this would mean receiving rubbish quicker than through the post. We do not think that now."

With the launch of each new car, Rover intentionally purges its supplier base to favour those that are willing to adopt electronic trading. For some smaller companies, however, the cost of doing so can outweigh the advantage.

> If you adopt the system you get free software

The time taken to adopt this trading method differs according to the size and complexity of the task.

Larger companies take longer than smaller ones, which often need a personal computer solution that does not take long to set up. Those adopting the system are offered a software package by Rover free, so that the supplier can print out and read the relevant information.

Dave MacInnis, director of inventory management at Tesco, says: "The motor industry predetermines what they have to make on a certain day — that's scheduling. Forecasting in shopping is different.

"Forecasting can never be perfect. We offer 13-week rolling forecasts, where week one is accurate to cover each day of the following week, but week 13 is somewhat inaccurate."

Those who want a 13-week forecast are clothing manufacturers, toy-makers, canned-food companies and Australian wine suppliers, for example, while one-week forecasts are used for fresh produce suppliers.

Tesco now has 1,300 of its 2,000 suppliers using electronic trading. Six hundred more, largely service companies, are at a halfway point, according to Tesco.

The remaining 700, including occasional suppliers such as one sending Christmas trees to Tesco once a year, say they find it difficult to justify going electronic.

Riverside Product of Witham supplies 14 lines of potatoes to Tesco and Iceland. The company received a personal computer and software linking with Tesco's computer.

Alan Rees, managing director of the company, says: "We supply 10 to 12 per cent of Tesco's 3,000 tons of potatoes sold each week.

"We get a forecast day by day and line by line of what's wanted for the following week. It also gives us an idea of what they want per week for the rest of the season. On the whole it is pretty accurate.

"As well as the forecasting, there's electronic invoicing and payment direct to our bank. The only time a hiccup can occur is when there has been a promotion and the forecast is made on the results of that trade."

Electronic forecasting from customers should improve service levels because suppliers are no longer dependent on their own predictions. There are fewer surprises and everyone, it is hoped, develops a better understanding of the others' business.

More companies are being urged to adopt electronic trading systems

Big companies want more to join in

Small firms have become big targets for companies using and supplying electronic trading services. Large companies that have invested heavily in services and the associated organisational and operational changes need as many electronic trading partners as possible to get the best return.

"All large organisations have suppliers who say they are too small for electronic data interchange" says Martyn Daniels, chairman of the user group for the Tradanet EDI service and until recently systems strategy controller at B & Q. "But big companies do not want to run two finance departments and two logistics departments — one electronic and the other manual."

David Elliott, EDI manager at British Gas, adds: "Some small specialist firms get several hundred orders a year from us. But such businesses often have no awareness at all of computing, let alone electronic trading."

Big companies have used a variety of methods to encourage their small suppliers and thus help themselves. They are now being supported increasingly in their efforts by the computing systems and services companies.

The simplest way into electronic trading for small firms is to mix electronic trading with the post. The Post Office's Edipost service has won support in its first year from a dozen big companies, including BT, Barclays Bank and technology companies ICL and Motorola.

These send orders electronically to the Edipost computer. The PO then prints the information and posts it to the small firms. Costs range from 40p to 90p a message, depending on volume. The big companies pay the PO and decide for themselves whether to charge their suppliers.

BhS has gone a step further by signing up a small computing-services company run by a former tomato-grower in Stalham, Norfolk.

Meadowhouse Bar Laser links its personal computers to electronic trading networks to receive orders from big companies on behalf of their small suppliers. It sends the details to the small firms and also keys back into the system their written information on their stocks. This means that the likes of BhS can both send and receive trading documents electronically.

BhS also uses the service for seasonal trade, for example with Christmas card firms, and to try out new suppliers without forcing them to invest in computer systems.

Meadowhouse was formed in 1986 when John Pennell, a market gardener and computer enthusiast, heard that BhS wanted a way to produce barcode labels from EDI data for its small suppliers. Mr Pennell developed a program package which is still Meadowhouse's mainstay.

Big companies are also working on system and service suppliers to get them to help small firms.

David Elliott of British Gas is working with suppliers of program packages that connect users' computers to the electronic trading services. He says: "We identified a couple of quality products and negotiated some enhancements. We got the developers to adapt the products to check transmissions and alert the user if something goes wrong: this saves the small user the overhead of checking every transaction manually.

"The package-suppliers benefit because we point our trading partners towards those products."

British Gas is now talking to developers of business software packages to get them to provide links to electronic trading services.

"Integration of EDI and business systems is a critical issue," Mr Elliott says. "Small firms usually receive an electronic transaction, then have to print it and key the information into their accounting and order processing systems.

"The package producers seem to be waiting for market demand for direct links to grow, but the market needs these facilities already."

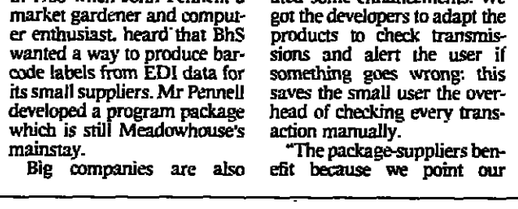
Service and system suppliers specialising in EDI are starting to respond. Professional Computer Group, a personal computing systems house at Ferndown, Dorset, claims to have the only package that links electronic trading directly to the Pegasus accounting system for PCs.

One user, Silver Lynx, which supplies the leading do-it-yourself retail chains, says its move to electronic trading and the subsequent elimination of keying made possible by the package has reduced the time from order receipt to despatch from several days to 30 minutes.

INS, which has 55 per cent of the UK electronic trading services market, is also going for small firms.

Early this year, it reduced its prices and this month it introduced software which can be adapted by the user to handle the order acknowledgement, delivery notification and invoicing conventions of different customers.

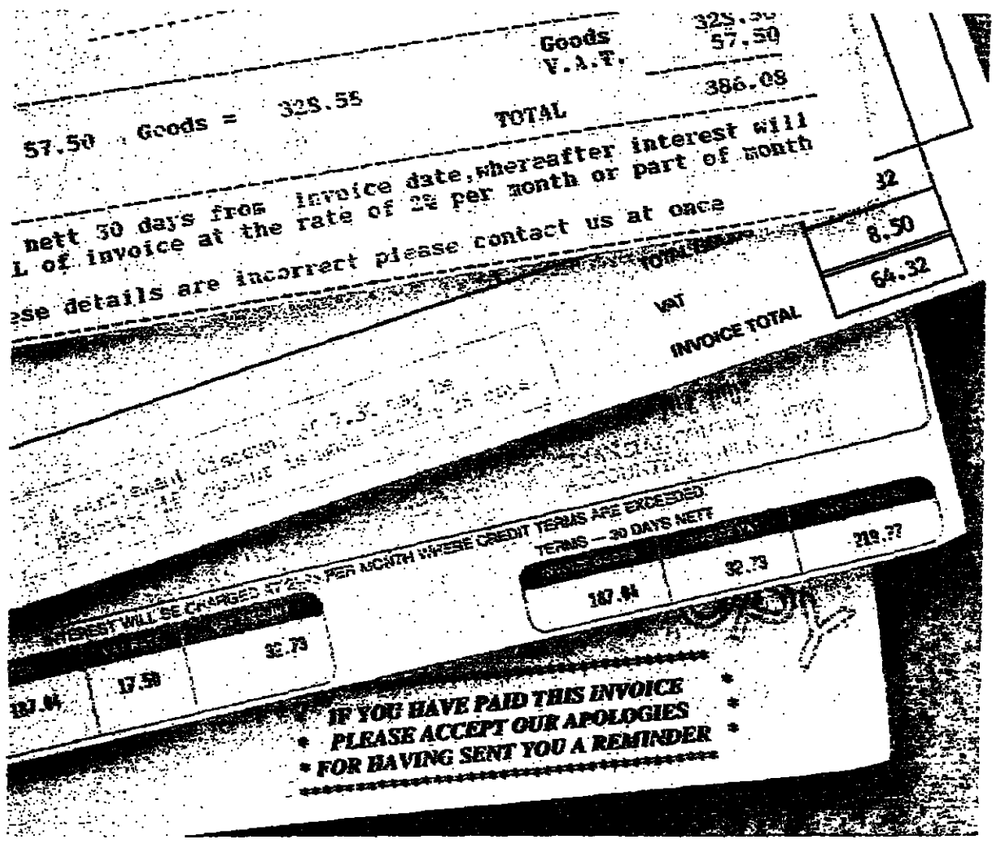
In addition, INS announced a software product to help business systems developers to provide direct links to electronic trading services.


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David Elliott: some firms lack awareness even of computing

Even so, price is still a key issue; Mr Elliott describes it as "the ultimate barrier". It costs PC users £1,450 to get going with INS, the Professional Computer Group's package costs £2,000 and the Pegasus link a further £500. These are big investments for small firms, although they often become enthusiastic about electronic trading once they have adopted it.

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Form-filling has changed since the single market. **Julia King** on how HM Customs is promoting the use of electronically stored data

Moving on from pen and ink



MARK PEPPER



Virginia Ainscough, left, marketing consultant for Community Network Systems, and HM Customs fast patrol boats for inspecting ships

Soon after the start of this year, when single market trading conditions began, many companies trading with other European Community countries found that delivery methods had to change completely.

As a result of the abolition of paperwork at the port of entry, some consignments were arriving up to 24 hours early. At first there was consternation, followed by delight that such time-savings could be made.

When some trade barriers fell on January 1, domestic customs practices at national borders also ceased. Many employees, such as lorry drivers, therefore no longer have to spend hours at customs while customs declarations are checked, invoices that relate to the contents of their vehicles are produced and import taxes are levied.

Their employers also gain because they no longer have to complete a complex administrative document, the C88 form. About seven million of those forms were completed last year, says John Moscrop, principal of the European and International Division in Customs & Excise.

The old import-export requirements have been replaced for some by "Intrastats", used by government and other agencies for the collection and compilation of statistical data on trade. Only companies whose imports or exports amount to more than £135,000 a year are bound by these regulations.

With the condition that the Intrastat information is received by customs promptly, carriers are relieved of the burden of carrying paper documentation relating to their cargoes.

Before Intrastats, 99 per cent of information relating to imports was collected electronically, using the Customs & Excise Departmental Entry Processing System. The figures on exports were not so good — only 12 per cent were collected using electronic means.

Rather than revert to a paper-based system, Customs decided to offer companies a choice of entry methods after the changes. They can opt to complete a British-produced paper form or an EC equivalent — which contains more categories.

Alternatively, data can be sent electronically on tape or disc or through one of a number of networks approved by Customs for connection to its system.

If data is transmitted electronically, Customs has produced message formats that conform to the internationally recognised UN Edifact standard.

By some countries' standards, British Customs has taken a very laid-back approach to the whole subject. A number of countries took the opportunity of the creation of the single market to impose draconian measures on traders.

Holland, for example, decreed that all companies supplying data should do so electronically; it now issues disc-based software to ensure that data conforms to the template it lays down.

The result, says Keith Marshall, user assurance co-ordinator for the Customs Electronic Data Capture System (EDCS), is that staffing levels in Holland are, comparatively speaking, four times those of the UK government department.

The Customs was surprised at the number of companies who immediately opted to send data electronically. According to Mr Marshall, there are 2,670 companies sending their data this way. Given that Customs had expected there to be only 2,000 traders within two years, the system had to be quickly updated.

> The abolition of paperwork, meant some consignments were arriving a day early

The picture will change with the implementation of the Customs Freight Business Review, which aims to bring single market-type facilities to trade with non-EC countries, such as America.

But although Customs has welcomed the electronic transmission of Intrastats data, some observers argue that it has not really bitten the bullet because it refuses to impose the electronic method on traders.

Since March in Australia, 99.95 per cent of all requests for customs clearance, whether import or export, have had to be made electronically.

The software used has been written by a British software house, R J Howell Associates. Bob Howell, managing director, says that the Australian system is expected to handle 38,500 messages per day by next year. Clearance is almost immediate, data transfer is fully audited and confirmation of the message is made by the recipient.

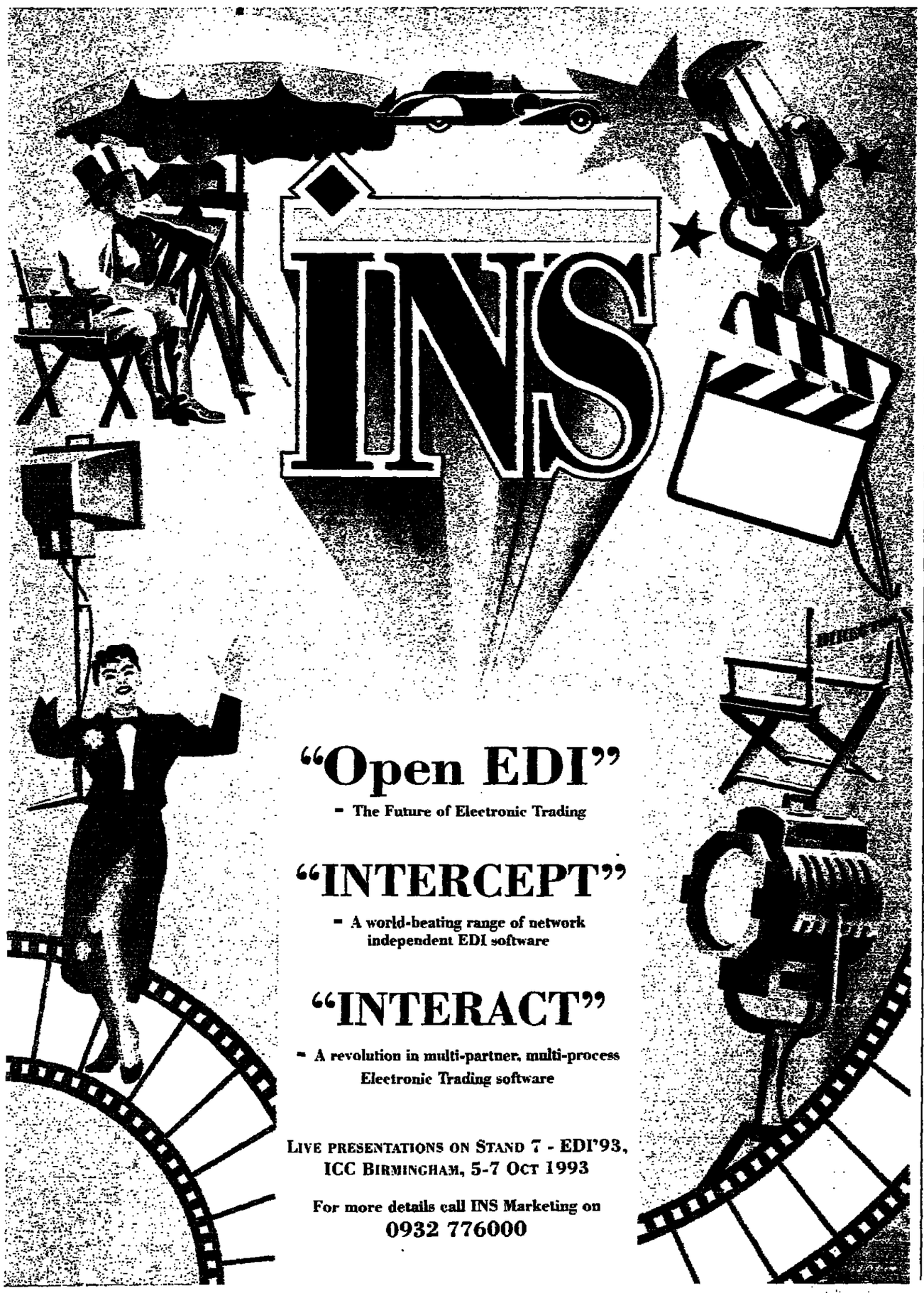
This last point is one that is missing from the British system. Organisations such as Community Network Systems (CNS), a P & O/Associated Ports company involved in the freight and transportation markets, and one of the networks presently approved for connection to the Customs system, are adding features such as confirmation of message.

Virginia Ainscough, consultant for CNS, says that the company lost about 20 per cent of its network traffic as a result of the single market because much of its work was Customs clearance. Companies are also now filling in their Intrastats themselves, rather than handing it to an agent.

Ms Ainscough says that there is a lot more that could be done with electronically collected data. She cites initiatives such as P & O's Baplie project that will electronically provide the next port of arrival with precise information on what is being carried on a vessel — information that can change up until the very last minute — and where on the vessel it is loaded. The message can be subsequently altered and relayed to the next port.

Another project is Frame, organised by the EC and which aims to track hazardous cargoes by road. The data raised for the purposes of trading could then be used to relay vital information to emergency services in case of an accident.

The beauty of data stored electronically lies in its ability to be re-used. The more companies that can be persuaded to send data electronically — even if involves some kind of cash-based incentive scheme — the more ways data can be gainfully re-used.



Companies adapt a new way of talking

Electronic trading is changing shape. Electronic data interchange used to be only between trading partners. Some companies, however, are starting to see that it can also be useful for sending internal information around a company. Some are even tearing up their internal company networks to do this.

The problem with traditional internal company networks is that they are usually developed with proprietary communications standards to link the computers together and with internal company data formats to make the information intelligible to application systems around the network.

That is fine, if the company does not change much. But in a turbulent world, companies are continually selling subsidiaries, merging or being taken over. The computer systems of a new subsidiary often have to be absorbed, expensively and disruptively, into a network.

Conversely, a subsidiary that is sold has to accommodate itself to the communication standards and data formats of its new owners. In these cases, information technology departments spend most of their time wrestling with acquisitions, to try to provide company-wide networks.

Some managers are beginning to think that this is a waste of time and money. They see the EDI format used for electronic trading as a possible answer.

The communications problem can then be taken care of by one of the large EDI service providers — such as AT&T's Easylink, BT's Edinet, IBM's Information Network or INS's Tradanet — which can link any one computer to any other.

> Electronic trading methods are being used for internal communications

The internal data format problem is solved by translating all transmissions around the company into an EDI message standard. Each business unit can retain its own data formats.

About two years ago, the Sears group, which owns Selfridges and the British Shoe Corporation, decided on this route. It chose Edinet to handle all its intra-company transmissions, and standardised on a retail industry's dialect of the international message standard Edifact.

Catherine Marsden, marketing executive for IBM Havant, thinks the same way. Foreseeing radical changes in IBM, she says: "It may be appropriate for an IBM plant to sell to other firms, and operate as an independent company, still supplying IBM without interruption.

"With an electronic trading architecture even for internal processes, it means that the business can make fundamental organisational changes quite readily, without the computer systems being a limiting factor."

Consequently, all IBM plants around the world are moving from internal data formats towards the electronic industry's subset of Edifact for all their "interplant" transactions. IBM's factories at Havant in Hampshire or Greenock in Scotland can appear the same to IBM's procurement as a small supplier of components in Korea.

For companies selling their products through dealers, franchises or tied agents, where a dedicated network would be too expensive, electronic trading can save money. Insurance companies, in particular, use AT&T's insurance-industry Exchange service to link to their tied agents.

A new buzz word has been coined by the American Department of Defense to distinguish this new way of working from plain EDI, "electronic commerce". In this, according to Alan Feast, messaging consultant for Logica, all business operations can be seen as a process between a "supplier" of a service and a "customer".

Under this definition, suppliers can be different departments of the same firm or they can be independent trading partners. This view of the business world is particularly attractive to those who believe that all large companies should be broken up into "autonomous business units".

It could move the electronic trading industry from a rather eclectic group of specialists, working on the margins of information technology, into the mainstream world of "workgroup" computing.

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Catherine Marsden, the marketing executive for IBM Havant



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Simon Keenlyside is a youthful Don Giovanni in Sir Peter Hall's Glyndebourne staging

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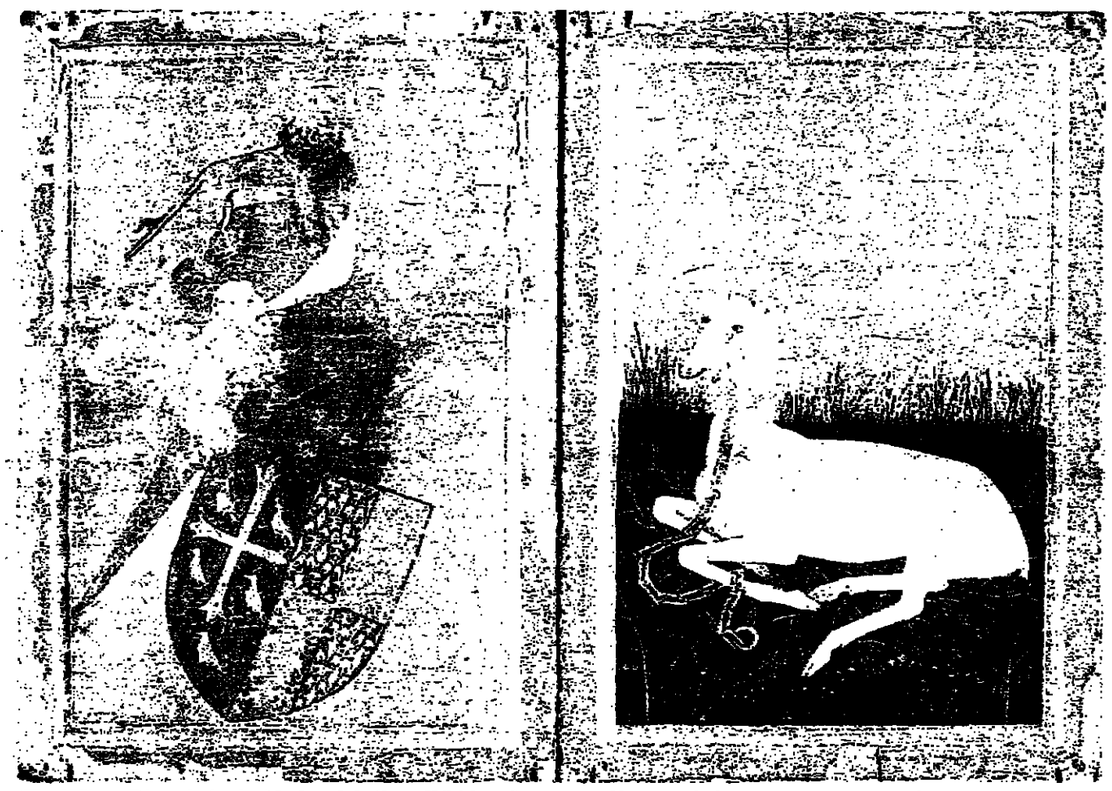
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A scepter'd isle newly discovered

Richard Cork unravels the mysteries of the exquisite Wilton Diptych, recently cleaned and now the focus of a National Gallery exhibition





The Wilton Diptych, in the National Gallery. Within a few years of its completion, in the late 1390s, Richard II (kneeling, top left) had been murdered. "All his hopes about divine benediction terminated, at the age of 32, in a premature grave"

Ever since the National Gallery acquired the Wilton Diptych from the Earl of Pembroke in 1929, this altarpiece has been cherished as an irresistible example of late medieval art. Even so, fame has not provided answers to the myriad questions aroused by this exquisite panel painting. Who was the consummate artist entrusted with the commission, and what meaning does it convey?

Since Richard II is kneeling in the left half of the diptych, accompanied by his three favourite saints, he probably ordered the altarpiece for himself. But why? An event of supreme significance appears to be celebrated by the heavenly figures clustered in the other panel, and we long to know more about the cause of their jubilation.

Now, in the first of an admirable series called Making & Meaning, the National Gallery attempts to grapple with all these problems. Cleaning the diptych has generated a far fresher image, and disclosed some fascinating details hitherto hidden from view. Related material, in the form of sculpture, illuminated manuscripts, stained glass and Richard's renowned portrait from Westminster Abbey, set the diptych fully in its context. We learn much about England in the late 1390s, and the king's obsession with the sacred status of monarchy. But the painting itself remains enigmatic, silently refusing to yield all the secrets embedded within its lavish surface.

> 'The painting remains enigmatic, refusing to yield all of its secrets'

The first mystery centres on Richard's age. We know, from the Westminster portrait and the tomb effigy he commissioned in 1395 after the death of his wife Anne of Bohemia, that the king sported a beard by the time the diptych was executed. In the left panel, though, he appears clean-shaven and strangely boyish. It might well portray the king in 1377, when he was crowned at the age of ten. The slender figure in the painting certainly looks fresh-faced enough, suggesting that Richard wanted his image to mark the duration of his reign.

His sumptuous robe indicates another layer of meaning. The recumbent gold animals scattered across its jewel-like surface are white harts, Richard's personal emblem. But the broom-cods or "planta genista" surrounding them were the emblem of the French King Charles IV, whose seven-year-old daughter married Richard in 1395. Their presence here proves that the diptych was painted after their wedding.

All the same, the overriding symbolism of the left panel is concerned with Richard's personal hobby-horse: the divine right of kings. His passionate belief in the idea that he was appointed by God is reinforced by the presence of his patron saint, John the Baptist, whose protective arm hangs down behind the king's head and neck.

As for the other two figures, they represent royal saints of England: Edmund and Edward the Confessor. Like the Magi, they gaze in awe towards the sacred mother and child on the right panel, and legitimise Richard's desire to be ushered into Christ's presence.

Instead of moving presumptuously forward, however, the boy-king kneels on hard, arid ground. Although a pearl-studded jewel of the white hart is pinned to his chest, the hands stretching below are modest rather than ostentatious. For all his worldly magnificence, this is a monarch prepared to acknowledge his subservience to God. And the starkness of the terrain around him makes a humbling contrast with the flower-bedecked fertility of the garden where the hold child presides.

But what exactly does Richard's gesture convey? Neither clasped in prayer nor holding a votive offering, his delicate fingers rise towards the right panel in an almost hesitant way. Is he simply expressing wonder at his privileged ability to view the Virgin and her offspring? Has he just given a present to Christ, or is he waiting to receive one from the child? We do not know, but the white banner held by an angel near Christ bears a red cross symbolic both of the Resurrection and Saint George. The infant arms reach out in a gesture just as ambiguous as Richard's.

The most exciting discovery made by the recent restoration involves the tiny orb crowning the banner. To the naked eye it looks dark and impenetrable. With the help of an infra-red reflectogram, though, a minuscule painting within the orb has now been revealed. It is a beguiling image. Encircled by a silver-leaf sea where a ship floats in full sail, a verdant green island with a turreted white tower and trees is detectable. Perhaps it refers to England, anticipating the most famous speech in Shakespeare's *Richard II*, where John of Gaunt rhapsodises about "this scepter'd isle . . . this little world: This precious stone set in the silver sea".

Apart from raising the possibility that Shakespeare derived his imagery from the Wilton Diptych itself, the orb picture suggests that Richard wanted his kingdom to share the divinity he enjoyed. It has, after all, entered the space inhabited by Christ, and the rest of this panel offers an enchanting vision of the paradise savoured by those fortunate enough to gain entry.

On grass strewn with roses, irises, daisies and even a group of piercingly observed mushrooms, no fewer than 11 petal-crowned angels crowd around the holy pair. In a startlingly secular manner, they all wear Richard's hart emblem on their radiant ultramarine dresses. And this exuberant demonstration of their link with the king is matched by the extraordinary informality of their poses.

Far from standing with dutiful stiffness beside the mother and child, some rest their hands on neighbouring shoulders as a mark of affection. One slips a hand though the arm of her companion, who responds by tenderly extending attenuated fingers towards her friend's pale skin. The frizzy blonde angel kneeling so prominently in the foreground even dares to touch the Virgin's garment.

Most unusual of all is the pose adopted by the infant. In a Book of Hours miniature produced around the same time as the diptych, a kneeling Duc de Berry is presented by two saints to the Virgin and Child. The figures' positions and style are close to the National Gallery painting, but the divine pair are enthroned with lofty grandeur and the boy concentrates on feeding at his mother's breast. In the diptych, though, the Virgin blithely stands on the grass and relishes the proximity of her friendly angels.

If the mystery surrounding the diptych remains tantalising, it also gives us the licence to discover an unexpectedly poignant side to the painting. For Christ's halo contains a crown of thorns and even three nails, painful harbingers of his Passion. They are pointedly juxtaposed with the flowers capping the angels' heads, and make us alert to other signs of suffering in the panels. The upturned cut stems of the roses at the Virgin's feet sound another ominous note, while hindsight prompts us to find an unintended frailty in Richard as well.

His youthfulness makes him appear vulnerable, and within a few years of the diptych's completion he had been deposed and murdered. All his elevated hopes about divine benediction terminated, at the age of 32, in a premature grave. Viewed in this light, the monarch's hands take on a prophetic significance as they stretch out, eager but empty, for the protection just beyond his reach.

● Making & Meaning: The Wilton Diptych *is at the National Gallery (071-389 1773) until Dec 12*

GALLERIES: CRITIC'S CHOICE

● **OLD MASTER DRAWINGS FROM CHATSWORTH:** The cream of the Duke of Devonshire's drawing collection at Chatsworth is well known, but this large show (220 works) digs out some very little known examples as well as the standard Rembrandts, Leonardos, Raphaels, Rubens and Titians. There are also some works recently identified by Michael Jaffe and never before seen in public. Hard to choose highlights, but the wonderful Dürers and Holbeins and the group of views on the Amstel by Rembrandt, acquired in 1724, are a good place to start. **British Museum**, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (071-636 1555) Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm, until January 9.

● **PAUL CITROEN AND ERWIN BLUMENFELD:** Two famous interwar photographers who have been left a little on one side by the tide of history are here revived and reassessed. Paul Citroen is usually remembered in the context of the Bauhaus, but he was early involved in Dadaist collage and was also on occasion a brilliant portrait photographer. Erwin Blumenfeld is remembered as a potraitist but he also did a lot of experimental, Dada-influenced work in the early Twenties, and constantly hymned the female body. Both artists loved Charlie Chaplin and the surreal implications of shop-window dummies. **Bill Brandt Room**, Photographers' Gallery, 8 Great Newport Street, London WC2 (071-831 1772) Tues-Sat, 11am-7pm, until November 20.

● **PINOCCHIO'S PRESENT:** The extraordinary show of recent work by the young Scottish fantasist, Stephen Campbell, recently presented during the Edinburgh Festival at the Talbot Rice Gallery, arrives in London split in two: the works on paper and large collages on canvas are at Marlborough Fine Art, and the oils on canvas are at the South London Gallery. All of them are full of Campbell's obsessions with childhood, intimations of sexuality and the rest: perhaps the collages on canvas, with their bright, clear colours, are the most vital with new invention. **Marlborough Fine Art**, Albemarle Street, London W1 (071-629 5161). Mon-Fri, 10am-5.30pm, Sat, 10am-12.30pm, until Oct 15. **South London Gallery**, 65 Peckham Road, London SE5 (071-703 6120). Tues-Fri, 10am-6pm, Thurs, 11am-7pm, Sat and Sun, 2-6pm, until Oct 31.

JOHN RUSSELL TAYLOR

Nureyev auction delayed

ART MARKET DIARY

WIDELY predicted as *the* sale of the current season, the £4 million Rudolf Nureyev auction has been postponed due to a squabble between his relations and the two foundations in his name. "Some family members have raised certain questions," said Mark Richter, secretary of the Nureyev Dance Foundation in Switzerland. "We hope it will go ahead next year."

Instead of looking forward to a series of lavish black-tie "gala" sales in London and New York at Christmas and the New Year, fans and freeloaders will have to wait until at least December 1994 to see the extravagant furniture, costumes and paintings off the block. Judging from the weary tone in Richter's voice, they may even have to wait for ever.

● THE most memorable work at the 20th century British Art Fair, just opened at the Royal College of Art in London, is a painting of the famous Lloyds Insurance building in the City by one Alfred Daniels. Instead of being a tribute to our great architect Richard Rogers, however, the facade tilts dangerously like the Leaning Tower of Pisa. Before it are four threadbare buskers in bowler hats. "As you can see, the characters are obviously ex-Lloyds names," says the dealer Manya Igel, who gave explicit instructions for the composition and posed for the one who is reduced to his underpants. "I commissioned it because I was a name, and I'm very fed up with writing cheques," he added. The painting is priced at £1,600, but so great is the interest in the City, that Igel is also bringing out a £50 print of the same subject.

Wright or wrong

AN INTRIGUING test-case could start in Harrogate next week. At issue is the future of some 545 paintings seized by local police in the winter of 1991 from the home of Gordon Wright, a Yorkshire art dealer. Subsequently, Wright died in a suicide pact with his wife. The police allege that many of the paintings — 19th and 20th century English landscapes by lesser names such as Boddington and Bamber — had been doctored or faked. As a result, they refuse to give them back. Ian McCombie, the Wright family's solicitor, insists that they are his clients' property, and is taking action to retrieve them from the police store. If he wins, the art market can look forward to a flood of Wright's erstwhile stock, which will be sold on behalf of four medical charities, including the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council and the British Empire Cancer Campaign for Research. Together they could receive an estimated £250,000.

SARAH JANE CHECKLAND

THEATRE: **Benedict Nightingale** at the British premiere of Larry Kramer's new play about the victims of Aids

More in sorrow than anger



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When we last met the writer and gay activist Ned Weeks, it was at the end of Larry Kramer's *The Normal Heart*, and he was not a happy man. He had just lost his lover, the first serious one of his 40-year-old life, to Aids. He had also been chucked out of the health crisis centre he himself had set up, having offended his colleagues by suggesting, first, that they should fight more forcefully for public attention, second, they should renounce casual sex. The future did not look bright, either for him or for victims of the great plague.

That was in 1985, the year *The Normal Heart* was first performed in New York, or maybe 1986, when it moved to the Royal Court with Martin Sheen as the feisty hero. Now it is time for a sequel which shows that in most ways things have become even worse than Weeks feared. True, the Washington hospital in which Kramer's *The Destiny of Me* is set ("the premier research facility in the entire world") seems to be perpetually beseiged by raging demonstrators, suggesting that homosexuals have acquired the aggression and impatience he wanted. But a voice from the wings tells us that the epidemic has killed a total of 300,000, and a glance at the stage indicates that Ned himself is likely to join them before long.

The Destiny of Me
Leicester Haymarket



Simon Callow playing the central role of Ned

There he is, in the bed on the left of the great white ward Christopher Woods has built on the Leicester Haymarket stage. He has been diagnosed HIV positive, and Simon Callow, the excellent actor now playing him, is half-hopefully, half-wearily, undergoing an experimental treatment. We are clearly supposed still to think him turbulent and difficult, for he directs the odd insult at Peter Woodward, playing the conscientious doctor trying to cure him, and talks of Aids itself as avoidable genocide. But the bite has left his words, and his conflict with the establishment has become a sort of reflexive tic. *The Destiny of Me* may be a sequel to *The Normal Heart*, but it has little of that play's power to scorch and sear.

That will be a relief to those who find even good polemic not to their taste, but it creates a dramatic problem, for what Kramer offers instead is mostly troubled reminiscence. While an irked nurse (Patti Boulaye) bustles round Ned's bed, figures from his formative past come onstage: James Kennedy, playing his younger self; Jason Durr as the elder brother he adores; Ann Mitchell as the smothering mother who encourages him to be "different" while failing to recognise what that difference is; Gary Waldhorn as the violent, philistine father who wishes he had been aborted.

Thus do the battling tensions of *Normal Heart* give way to a portrait of a gay man learning to accept himself. That brings with it fine, feeling scenes — Ned confronting the brother who forces psychoanalysis on him, Ned at his father's deathbed — but also more loss of energy than seems inevitable.

If *The Destiny of Me* is to succeed in London, as is the hope, it needs a smaller stage, a more intimate theatre and a more concentrated feel. That means Kramer must cut the play's 210-odd minutes and Callow, who also directs, try to tighten his production. Ned may be doomed, but isn't his testament worth saving?

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GLYNDEBOURNE TOURING OPERA: The company's 25th anniversary celebrations continue with Peter Hall's reliable 1977 production of **Don Giovanni.** Simon Keenlyside, makes his GTO debut as Mozart's unashamed seducer. French conductor Louis Langrée makes his UK debut. See review, right.
Sadler's Wells, Rosebery Avenue, EC1 (071-278 8916). Tonight, 7.30pm.

ROYAL PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA. In the first of its two South Bank concerts next week, the RPO plays Saint-Saëns' Danse Macabre, Liszt (Piano Concerto No 1 with Jean-Yves Thibaudet) and Sibelius (Symphony No 2) under the baton of Yuri Temirkanov.
Festival Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Sunday, 7.30.

LINDSAY QUARTET AND FRIENDS. 'The French Connection' is the title of this week-long festival of evening and lunchtime concerts which opens at the Wigmore Hall tomorrow. Originally planned to celebrate the opening of the Channel Tunnel, some of the musical connections look a little tenuous, but this hardly diminishes the attraction of these imaginative and varied chamber programmes.

WEEKEND CHOICE

A daily guide to arts and entertainment compiled by Marit Hargie

Lindsay String Quartet, tomorrow 7.30pm and Sunday, 7pm. **Manfred String Quartet**, Sunday, 11.30am. **Wigmore Hall**, Wigmore Street, W1 (071-935 2141).

STAN TRACEY OCTET WITH THE JIVING LINDY HOPPERS. The jazz pianist and the lively British jazz dance troupe team up for a show which includes the London premiere of a new jazz suite composed by Tracey.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.45pm.

ELSEWHERE

GLASGOW: This weekend offers an opportunity to see the two Scottish Opera productions which have so far reached the repertoire: **Tosca**, Puccini's passionate and lyrical melodrama, has Eva Zsellér in the title role and is conducted by Sir Alexander Gibson. Howard Davies's new production of **I due Foscari**, Verdi's stirring, dramatic work which opened the company's season, is conducted by Richard Armstrong. **Tosca**, tonight, 7.15pm; **I due Foscari**, tomorrow, 7.15pm.
Theatre Royal, Hope Street (041-332 9000).

LEEDS: Love for Three Oranges, Richard Jones's highly entertaining scratch'n'sniff production of Prokofiev's exuberant fantasy, stunningly designed by the Brothers Quay, returns once more to Opera North. The cast includes Maria Moll, Andrew Shore, Jonathan Best and Richard Angas. Wyn Davies conducts. See review, right.
Grand Theatre, New Briggate, (0532 459351/440971), tonight, 7.15pm.

LUTON: June Tabor, the sublime folk singer, embarks on a national tour.
St George's Theatre (0582 21628). Tomorrow, 7.15pm.

CLWYD: The final night of the North Wales Music Festival is dedicated to William Mathias who died last year. The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra under the baton of Richard Hickox, with the baritone Donald Maxwell, performs a programme of music by the Welsh composer. Soloists are Osian Ellis, harp, and Hugh Davis, organ.
St Asaph Cathedral, (0745 584508). Tomorrow, 7.30pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessment of theatre showing in London

■ **House full, returns only**
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THE ABSENCE OF WAR: This play completes David Hare's 'state of the nation' trilogy. John Thaw plays the leader of the Labour Party on the look-out for real power.
National (Olivier, Southbank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Previews tonight-Tues and Thurs, 7.15pm, Wed, 7.30pm. Opens Oct 2, as third part of all-day performance of the trilogy.

☒ **CAROUSEL.** Tuneful Rodgers and Hammerstein has the familiar mixture of the perceptive and the maudlin.
Shaftesbury, Shaftesbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 165mins.

☒ **CITY OF ANGELS.** Top quality Larry Gelbart/Cy Coleman musical, packed with wit.
Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-839 5972). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed, Sat, 2.30pm. 160mins.

■ **GREASE:** Energetic, well-danced revival taking a nostalgic look at the innocent 1950s. Skimpy story of teenage love, but the tunes are catchy.
Dominion, Tottenham Court Road, W1 (071-580 9845). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. 150mins.

☐ **HAIR:** The Age of Aquarius dawns again. A pleasantish stroll down memory lane. Michael Bogdanov directs.
Old Vic, Waterloo Road, SE1 (071-928 7616). Mon-Sat, 7.45pm, mats Fri, Sat, 4pm. 180mins.

☐ **INADMISSIBLE EVIDENCE:** Strong central performance by Trevor Eve as the disintegrating solicitor in Osborne's gripping play.
National (Lyttelton), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Tues, 7.30pm, mat tomorrow, 2.15pm. 190mins.

☐ **LYSISTRATA:** Geraldine James inspires the women of Athens to deny their men the joys of sex.
Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road, WC2 (071-867 1116). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 5pm.

■ **THE ODYSSEY:** Ron Cook plays the traveller in Derek Walcott's mighty version of the old epic. Thrilling sound and spectacle.
The Pit, Barbican Centre, EC2 (071-628 8891). Tonight, tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 3pm. 180mins.

☐ **OLEANNA:** Power, politics and punishment at an American university. Great performances by David Suchet and Lia Williams in Pinter's production of Mamet.
Duke of York's, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-836 5122). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm.

☐ **SEPARATE TABLES.** Peter Bowles, Patricia Hodge tap heartfelt emotions in Peter Hall's welcome revival of Rattigan.
Albery, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Tue-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs, 3pm and Sat, 4pm. 150mins.

■ **SUNSET BOULEVARD:** Triumph for Patti Lupone as the faded star in Lloyd Webber's success. Less cynical than the Wilder film but a thrilling occasion. Trevor Nunn directs.
Adelphi Theatre, Strand, WC2 (071-344 0055). Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Thurs and Sats, 3pm. 155mins.

■ **SWEENEY TODD:** Declan Donnellan's superb staging of Sondheim's subtle, savage musical. Alun Armstrong and Julia McKenzie play the leads.
National (Cottesloe), South Bank, SE1 (071-928 2252). Tonight-Wed, 7.30pm, mats tomorrow and Tues, 2pm. 180mins.

☐ **THERESE RAQUIN:** Julia Bardsley begins the new regime here with her own version of Zola's sexual thriller. Water drips everywhere as the sign of guilt and grim revenge.
Young Vic, 66 The Cut, SE1 (071-928 6363). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Sat, 2.30pm and some Weds.

☐ **TIME OF MY LIFE:** One of Ayckbourn's best family plays. Starring Anton Rodgers and Gwen Taylor.
Vaudeville, Strand, WC2 (071-836 9987). Mon-Fri, 7.45pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Weds 2.30pm, Sats 4pm.

TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA: David Thacker's delightful Stratford production, with music from the Gershwin era, plays 16 performances here before resuming national tour.
Barbican, Silk Street, EC2 (071-638 8891). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.15pm, mat tomorrow, 2pm.

LONG RUNNERS ☐ **Blood Brothers**: Phoenix (071-867 1044) ☒ **Buddy**: Victoria Palace (071-834 1317) ☒ **Cats**: New London (071-405 0072) ☐ **Don't Dress for Dinner**: Duchess (071-494 5070) **Guys Named Moe**: Lyric (071-494 5045) ☒ **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**: Palladium (071-494 5037) ☒ **Les Misérables**: Palace (071-434 0909) ☒ **Miss Saigon**: Theatre Royal, Drury Lane (071-494 5400) ☐ **The Mousetrap**: St Martin's (071-836 1443) ☐ **On The Piste**: Garrick (071-494 5085) ■ **The Phantom of the Opera**: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400) ☒ **Starlight Express**: Apollo Victoria (071-828 8665) ☐ **Travels With My Aunt**: Whitehall (071-867 1119) ☐ **The Woman in Black**: Fortune (071-836 2238).

Ticket information supplied by Society of West End Theatre.

NEW RELEASES

BOILING POINT (15) Treasury agent Wesley Snipes versus red-haired villain Dennis Hopper. Despite the talent, it never even simmers. Director, James B Harris.
Odeon Haymarket (0426 915353)

◆ **THE FUGITIVE** (12)* Sixties television series roars back to life with Harrison Ford as the fugitive trying to clear his name. With Tommy Lee Jones, director, Andrew Davis.
MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) **MGM Fulham Road** ☒ (071-370 2636/6705) **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (071-792 3332) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

IN THE SOUP (15) Gangster (Seymour Cassel) bankrolls an aspiring film-maker (Steve Buscemi). Zany, joyous comedy from American independent Alexandre Rockwell.
MGM Tottenham Court Road (071-636 6148)

ROADSIDE PROPHETS (15) Counter-culture odyssey trapped in a time warp, with punk rocker John Doe, Beastie Boy Adam Horovitz, and Sixties luminaries in cameo roles.
MGM Panton Street (071-930 0631)

◆ **SLEEPLESS IN SEATTLE** (PG) Meg Ryan makes a long-distance play for widower Tom Hanks. Smart but indulgent romantic comedy. Writer-director Nora Ephron.
Barbican ☒ (071-638 8891) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Leicester Square** (0426 915683) **Marble Arch** (0426 914501) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914096) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (071-792 3332)

THE WEDDING BANQUET (15) Americanised immigrant from Taiwan fails to tell his parents he is gay. Delightful, caring cross-cultural comedy.
Metro (071-437 0757) **Odeon Kensington** (0426 914666) **Screen on Baker Street** (071-935 2772) **Warner** (071-439 0791)

CURRENT

THE BABY OF MACON (18). Seventeenth-century actors perform a play about a miraculous birth. Oppressive, infuriating Peter Greenaway extravaganza.
Lumière (071-836 0691)

◆ **THE CRUSH** (15)* Psychopathic Lolita ensnares naive reporter. Good-looking but redundant potboiler, with Cary Elwes, Alicia Silverstone.
Odeon West End (0426 915574)

DAUGHTERS OF THE DUST: Wildly visual exploration of an African-American island community. Striking first feature for Julie Dash.
ICA ☒ (071-930 3647)

◆ **PASSION FISH** (15) Crippled soap star and her secretive nurse undergo rehabilitation. Enjoyable, loving, leisurely film from John Sayles.
Curzon West End (071-439 4805) **MGM Trocadero** (071-434 0031) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426-914 666) **Swiss Cottage** (071-586 3057).

WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT (18) Tina Turner's life story. Powerful acting from Angela Bassett and Laurence Fishburne redeem the clichés.
Electric ☒ (071-792 2020/0328) **MGM Chelsea** (071-352 5096) **Odeons: Kensington** (0426 914666) **Swiss Cottage** (0426 914096) **West End** (0426 915574) **Screen on the Green** (071-226 3520) **UCI Whiteleys** ☒ (071-792 3332)

CINEMA GUIDE

Geoff Brown's assessment of films in London and (where indicated with the symbol ◆) on release across the country

OPERA: Sharply contrasting approaches to Mozart in London; exuberant Prokofiev in Leeds

Vice exerts its powerful grip

Don Giovanni
Sadler's Wells

DONALD COOPER



Simon Keenlyside and Steven Page: the intricacies of the shifting relationship between master and servant

SET somewhere near the beginning of the 19th century, Peter Hall's 1977 Glyndebourne production of *Don Giovanni* presents the eponymous libertine as a Byronic or even Sadean figure, challenging the established order with a dangerous blend of rationalism and what was to become Romanticism. It is a convincing reading, given chilling force by Simon Keenlyside in Glyndebourne Touring Opera's latest — and last — revival, staged by David Massarella.

Keenlyside turns his comparative youth to compelling advantage; in place of the easy charm of more seasoned seducers he offers a searching study in cold self-assurance and casual cruelty. Behind a blandly appealing façade there is insidious physical menace, and though the voice is lighter than some that have sung the role, there is no lack of vocal authority, and the words are delivered with real attention to what they mean.

The same dramatic intelligence and clarity run through Steven Page's robustly picaresque Leporello, vividly sung and shrewdly acted, a masterpiece of comic judgment and timing. This revival is strong on the details of word and gesture, and it is through the accumulation of those details that Page and Keenlyside convey the intricacies of their shifting relationship.

But at a broader level some of the production's resonant elegance seemed to have been lost, though it should return as the tour progresses. Lighting effects, in particular, a crucial element in pointing this staging's meanings, here lacked precision. The dreadful surtitles, meanwhile, witlessly anticipating or misrepresenting what is sung, undid much that the director and his cast had worked to achieve.

Among the supporting roles, actions and relationships lacked focus. Susan McCulloch's fraught Donna Anna and Susan Bickley's urgent Elvira were passionately delivered but occasionally graceless under pressure, though both relaxed into better voice in Act II. Adrian Thompson was an eloquently insecure Ottavio, Paula O'Sullivan a spirited and engaging Zerlina.

The young French conductor, Louis Langrée, drove players and singers along at a cracking pace, creating a thrilling sense of dramatic impetus without sacrificing quality of texture or phrasing. As a last chance to see a fine production, this is not to be missed. As an argument for continuing to fund GTO, even the Arts Council should find it hard to refute.

IAN BRUNSKILL

Inspired and impudent

Così fan tutte
Greenwich

MUSIC Theatre London is a European rather than just a British success story. Sheer impudence is its stock-in-trade, but it is grown-up impudence and provocative in the best sense: Mozart and Rossini in salty modern translations, with dialogue replacing recitative, rescored for tiny bands (Tony Britten) and irreverently, wittily directed (Nick Broadhurst). Since its *Giovanni* and *Figaro* in the late 1980s, it has played the Vienna Festival twice to great acclaim, and its latest production, *Così fan tutte*, was premiered at the Hamburg Kammerspiele and has been recorded for television by NDR before opening for a seven-week run at Greenwich.

The problem with success is that it raises expectations. As production values have risen, so MTL has moved nearer the orbit of Opera Factory, not to mention Peter Sellars. But its casts are actors who can sing (some better than others) rather than the other way round. Vocal standards vary. Yet there is a basic honesty, an underlying seriousness to their work that disarms criticism; any production of *Così* that reduces a non-operatic audience to awed silence at the moment of Ferrando's comeuppance — "il mio ritratto" becomes "it's my engagement ring" — cannot be said to have failed.

The men are RAF officers, Alfonso recently retired; the sisters are suburban gels, and Despina their brassy neighbour. The setting is contemporary: we are in the world of Valium and royal jelly, there is a condom-dispenser in the ladies' loo, and the answer to an emotional crisis is to gorge chocolate digestives (I know the feeling).

The men return as louche Yanks, and Despina's second disguise is far too good a joke to give away in advance. The only problem with Simon Higlett's rather lavish decor is that it defeated the Greenwich stage-management on the first night, releasing tension after "Fra gli amplessi", where it least needs it.

Cuts are minimal — too much so, since "Tradito, schernito" survives (I pity any tenor singing that six evenings a week) — and the denouement could perhaps be tightened. Britten conducts extremely well, and his arrangement for six fine instrumentalists is almost too respectful, which his Weillian *Giovanni* wasn't.

Jacinta Mulcahy sings Fiordiligi's arias beautifully by any standard, and Marilyn Cutts, late of Fascinating Aida, is a deliciously vulgar Despina. Peter Corry, in his first professional role, sings Guglielmo: his delivery of "Non siate ritrosi" after the manner of Elvis is alone worth the price of a ticket, and his list of personal attributes ("we're hung like/two sun-ripe/bananas") outstrips Da Ponte, as does the opening shower scene. Enormous fun, yet true to Mozart.

RODNEY MILNES

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A BAG of tricks, however ingeniously put together in the first place, inevitably loses interest every time you open it. Even so, on the first night of the *revival of Opera North's Love for Three Oranges* the audience was listening as carefully as ever to the instructions on what to do with the scratch-'n'-sniff cards. And even those who were expecting it were shocked and enthralled as the theatre manager was shot in mid-address and the Tragicals, Comicals, Romantics and Empty Heads opened their noisy dispute from the boxes either side of the stage.

If there is a serious problem with the production, which arrested its first audience just over five years ago, it is that it reduces Prokofiev's music to an unseemly subsidiary role. Every idea in the score is met by an equally intriguing visual equivalent from the inexhaustible imagination of director Richard Jones and the oddball vision of the Brothers Quay.

Only the famous March, still delightfully and inexplicably enacted by a chorus in gasmasks, has the wit and the melodic inspiration to compete. No one can remember a single phrase from the vocal line of, say, prime minister Lexander, but Andrew Shore's reptilian embodiment of the role is an unforgettable image.

It could reasonably be argued, of course, that there is only one tune in the score anyway. But, as Wyn Davies's witty and bouncy conducting at least begins to demonstrate on numerous occasions, there is much more to it than that. It would be useful, too, if some of the more prominent members of the resourceful and weirdly costumed cast were in correspondingly confident and colourful voice. But as the production continues — in repertoire with *La Bohème* and *Tamburlaine* at the Grand Theatre, Leeds, until October 9 and then on tour in Sunderland, Manchester and Nottingham — they probably will. If not, the outstandingly accomplished performance of the Opera North Chorus will be compensation enough.

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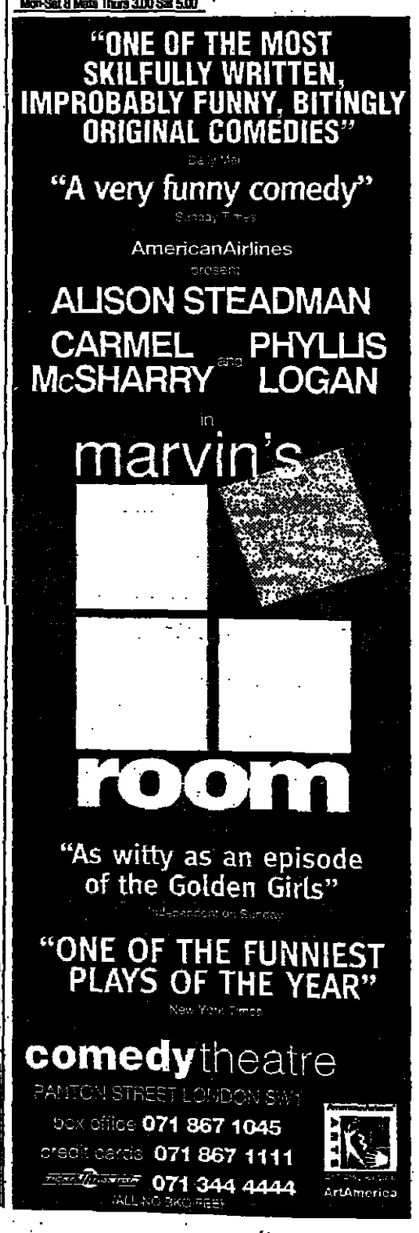
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John, Paul, George, Ringo and greed

NEW ALBUMS: The latest exercise in repackaging the Beatles is a masterpiece of record company over-pricing, says an angry **David Sinclair**



Paul McCartney, John Lennon, Ringo Starr and George Harrison face the television cameras back in the halcyon mid-1960s days of fabdom

THE BEATLES
1962-1966
(Apple/EMI 7 97036)
1967-1970
(Apple/EMI 7 97039)

IT WAS Derek Taylor, the Beatles' former press officer, who this week underlined the absurdity which attaches to the enduring popularity of the world's best-known group. Wheeled in to speak on the BBC's Greater London Radio, which spent the whole of Monday celebrating the music of the Beatles, Taylor pointed out that his reminiscences could reasonably be compared to those of a pundit in the heyday of the Beatles enthusing about an act that was popular circa 1933. Beatlemania may seem like yesterday to baby boomers, but it really was a long time ago.

Even so, the release for the first time on CD of these two greatest hits collections has excited rock fans of a certain vintage. First issued in 1973 and popularly known, because of the predominant colours of their covers, as the Red and the Blue albums, they encompass an unrepeatable legacy of hit singles, most of which were not included on the group's albums.

As with the rest of the Beatles' back catalogue, all of which has now been transferred to CD, the Red and Blue albums have been digitally remastered to the most exacting of standards and scrupulously re-presented in the image of the original albums. The track listing remains as before, comprising all the Beatles singles, together with a few key album tracks, presented in chronological order.

Thus, *1962-1966* goes from the innocent, Merseybeat pop of "Love Me Do", "Please, Please Me" and "From Me To You", to the neo-classical splendour of "Eleanor Rigby" and the flowery nonsense of "Yellow Submarine". Then *1967-1970* picks up the story at the stoned pinnacle of "Strawberry Fields Forever" and "Penny Lane" and carries through to the bittersweet end of "Let It Be" and "The Long And Winding Road".

While not in any way seeking to detract from their musical merits, it seems to me that the peculiarly everlasting magic of the Beatles is largely to do with timing. They were the first "proper" pop group and evolved into the first "serious" rock group. These songs became ingrained, willy nilly, on the psyche of a generation and, frankly, the majority of people who were exposed to the Beatles in their prime gave little thought as to why or even whether they liked them or not. So all-pervasive was their influence that not to like the Beatles on some fundamental level was not to like popular music itself.

At the time, the brilliance of these songs was not so much discovered or analysed as universally presumed, and their appeal has, likewise, become an article of faith.

We have become accustomed to the enhanced sound quality of CD, and there is, of course, a welcome and significant improvement in the audio fidelity of these ancient recordings. Many instrumental features, such as Harrison's twangy guitar motif behind the vocals in "I Wanna Hold Your Hand", become plainly audible for the first time. The handclaps on "Eight Days A Week" sound like thunder and we discover that the bridging riff in "Day Tripper" was really a tambourine solo.

But while allowing for such benefits and accepting that this is a truly essential pair of albums, the price tag of about *£25 each* is utterly scandalous. The Red album, which runs for slightly longer than 60 minutes, could easily have been accommodated on one disc (a single CD can hold about 75 minutes of music). Pressing the album on two discs and then packaging it in an old-fashioned double-CD box (modern double-CD boxes are only fractionally bigger than a single box), is taking the notion of preserving the "integrity" of the original presentation to ludicrous and wasteful extremes. To then charge the full, double-album price is just plain cynical.

When you consider that *every single song* has already reaped dividends hugely in excess of its original production costs and any conceivable marketing overheads, it begins to look as if greed has succeeded where time has failed, in tarnishing a golden reputation.

CAPERCAILLIE
Secret People
(Survival/BMG 74321 16274)

CONTINUING a unique balancing act between the ancient Gaelic folk of their Scottish heritage and the modern nuances of radio-friendly rock, Capercaillie's *Secret People* is the latest in a line of meticulously researched and crafted collections.

There is, however, rather less blending of the two extremes than on previous outings, and the songs tend to fall into one of two distinct camps. Some, such as "An Eala Bhan", a delicately lilting ballad, and "The Whinney Hills Jigs", an arrangement of three Scottish-Irish jigs in a jaunty 8/9 time, are cast firmly in the traditional mould. The Gaelic lyrics, sung with compelling grace by Karen Matheson, soar sadly and sweetly above the sounds of fiddle, bodhran, whistle and accordion.

Others, such as "Grace And Pride" and "Crime Of Passion", are written and arranged in a more contemporary vein. Less engaging than their authentic-sounding companions, these numbers are supplied with English words, a hummable tune and a smooth keyboard gloss that all but conceals the group's deep folk roots.

The musicians play with skill and conviction and Matheson's voice is a delight throughout. But it does not take a purist to sense the lure of mainstream success metaphorically tugging at the artistic sleeves of this album.

BUFFALO TOM
Big Red Letter Day
(Beggars Banquet BBQ 142)

QUESTIONABLY described, on occasion, as grunge's answer to Bryan Adams, Buffalo Tom is the Boston trio featuring the passionate vocals and crunching guitar sound of Bill Janovitz. They come across loud and chunky, but never miss a trick when it comes to harmony choruses or a good old-fashioned descending chord sequence.

Hard-rocking and heart-tugging in roughly equal measure, their fourth album was produced by the Robb brothers (who wrought their distinctive magic on Lemonheads' breakthrough album, *It's A Shame About Ray*). Combining ballads like "I'm Allowed" and "Would Not Be Denied" with the punky drive of songs like "Tree House" and "Sodajerk", this is a "real" rock album with a distinctly populist savvy.

JAMES
Laid
(Fontana 514943)

IMAGINE Hothouse Flowers without the soul, Deacon Blue without the personality and U2 without the songs, and you are getting close to the mysteriously content-free charm of *Laid*, the latest offering from the veteran Mancunians.

Thanks in no small part to Brian Eno's production, it is still a considerably more appealing prospect than last year's *Seven*. There are some lovely instrumental textures — the glistening slide guitar motif at the start of "P.S.", the deep, sensual twang of "Say Something", the acoustic doodling in "One Of Three".

But Tim Booth's self-consciously stylised vocals convey little meaning and less emotion, and for all their echoey atmospherics, numbers like "Dream Thrum", "Everybody Knows" and "Knuckle Too Far" are little more than extended introductions in search of a song.

TOP TEN ALBUMS

1	**Bat Out Of Hell II — Back Into Hell**	Meat Loaf (Virgin)
2	**In Utero**	Nirvana (Geffen)
3	**1962-1966**	The Beatles (Apple)
4	**1967-1970**	The Beatles (Apple)
5	**Elements — The Best Of Mike Oldfield**	Mike Oldfield (Virgin)
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7	**The Hits 2**	Prince (Paisley Park)
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10	**Promises And Lies**	UB40 (DEP International)

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SEVEN DAYS

OUT & ABOUT NEXT WEEK

BOOK: *Blues on CD* by **Charles Shaar Murray** (Kyle Cathie, £10.99) is the latest in an indispensable series of consumer guides to the compact disc jungle (other titles currently available: Rock, Jazz, Opera). With his usual wit and authority, Murray steers a course through 70 years of recorded blues. Apparently the first blues record to begin "Woke up this morning ..." was Bessie Smith's "Empty Bed Blues", recorded in 1928.

SINGLES: "I wanna put a bullet in society's head," sing **Blaggers I.T.A.** on their second single "Oxygen" (Parlophone), released on Monday. Hardly the voice of reason, but a hard-driving track in a fine agit-rock tradition stretching back to the Clash.

Moving into retro-overdrive with their "Grow Your Own" EP (Acid Jazz) are **Mother Earth**, the acid jazz movement's answer to Lenny Kravitz. Superfly wah-wah guitars, croaky 1970s soul vocals and a special fluff-on-the-needle production ensure period-piece nirvana. Four tracks, including a rocking instrumental version of the Small Faces' "Almost Grown".

LIVE RECORDING: See your own face in the crowd at a live recording of *The Beat* on ITV. Special 30-minute sets will be performed by James, the Wonder Stuff, Verve and Swervedriver at New London Astoria, London WC2 (071-434 0403) Tuesday, 7pm, £12.

TELEVISION: *TXT* (LWT) features an utterly fab line-up of Grant Lee Buffalo, Verve and Mother Earth, but goes out at the seriously anti-social time of 3am tomorrow (Saturday) morning. Set the video.

"SIMPLY THE BEST" – SUNDAY MIRROR
"The performances are excellent" – BARRY NORMAN, FILM 93
"Audiences will cheer...hip and compelling" – EMPIRE MAGAZINE
"A touching, stomping, strutting belter of a movie" – THE SUN
"Angela Bassett's performance has oscar nomination written all over it" – THE GUARDIAN
"Vibrant and raunchy" – SUNDAY EXPRESS
"Spinetingling passion – don't miss it!" – NEWS OF THE WORLD
"It would be a pity if the film's exposure remained restricted to fans of Tina Turner" – DAILY TELEGRAPH
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NEW WAVES

The insider's guide to the Next Big Thing



Jonathan King is offering his services as a hit-picker

Whither pop – or will it wither?

A four-day conference found little to cheer about tomorrow's world

Amid all the brouhaha of the four-day "In The City" music business conference held in Manchester earlier this month, some of the most cogent comments came, went and were studiously ignored. "Maybe the record industry's days are past," one moderator mused as the panel discussion on interactive media drew to a close. For publicist Max Clifford, there had never been much to it anyway, other than a lucrative source of employment.

Much was said about corruption and malpractice after Peter Waterman's opening address, during which he accused unnamed record companies of chart-rigging and other short-term marketing strategies. Like many other elder statesmen of the business, producer and label owner Waterman believes in talent and a love of music, which is presumably why he launched the singing careers of Kylie and Jason.

In a business that regards market research as an eccentricity and inter-departmental communication as virtually a crime, "In The City" afforded the opportunity for concentrated exposure to a host of unfamiliar theories, prejudices, grudges and ailments. Power-mad deal-makers and luckless drones could sit together in the conference room of a Holiday Inn and discover why Britain refuses to take Spanish rock seriously, or why musicians are worried by triangular sandwiches.

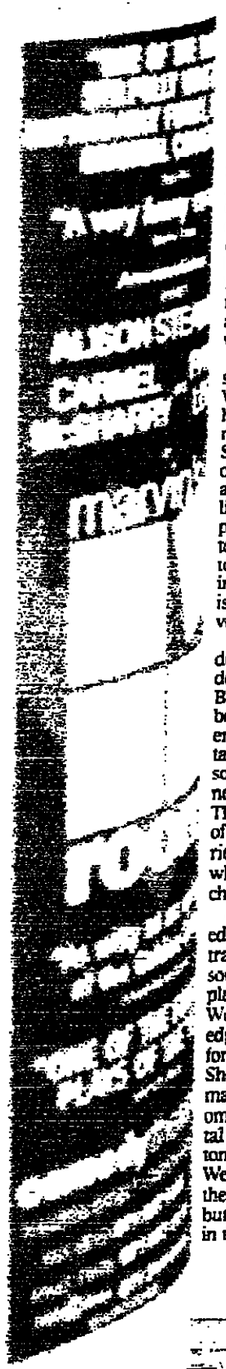
With the industry shell-shocked by recession, technological changes, global shifts and the demise of Britain as a market leader in pop, many panel discussions groped for clues on how to survive into the next century. If only there could be less marketing, fewer accountants and lawyers, fewer records, more songs and more fame-hungry musicians prepared to tread the boards and learn some chords, then Britannia could rule the waves once more.

The first celebrity interviewee was Jonathan King. As ever, King's repartee was rich in infuriatingly entertaining anecdotes and self-denigrating egomania. But almost alone among the delegates, he expressed a fierce passion for superlative pop records of all styles and eras. Untroubled by the irrelevant issue of whether a band is a studio creation or good in a rock club, King advised us on the delicate problem of how to present a bad Cilla Black single on *Top of the Pops* and relentlessly plugged his new venture, *The Tip Sheet*. This is an expensive weekly subscription list of tips on potentially successful tracks. With some executives and producers admitting they had no understanding of teenagers' tastes and motivations, somebody probably needs to point them in the direction of decent new records.

As a panelist on Room At The Top, a discussion devoted to multimedia, frequently cited as the future salvation of the industry, I found myself dispirited. Confusion surrounds this new medium and very few interactive discs are currently available to the public. Yet some of the men who control the purse-strings seem determined to impose their own limited view of how it should develop.

A subsequent discussion on how to carve up the far-distant profits of interactive media was put into perspective when a straw poll revealed that only one person in the crowded room owned the hardware to play interactive disks.

DAVID TOOP



Sabres of Paradise, a trio of studio creators for whom Weatherall does the talking, have produced an uncompromising collection of tracks for Sheffield's Warp label. Aware of the need for music to be amusing as well as seriously life-enhancing, Weatherall has projected himself into his alter-ego of Lord Sabre in order to infuse image and identity into recordings whose opacity is accentuated by the lack of verbal messages.

The story of Lord Sabre describes a Faustian pact to deliver the rebellious blood of Britain's youth cults to his benefactor. But today's splintered youth cults make Sabre's task impossible, and his only solution lies with creating a new, unified youth movement. This promotional tale smacks of Malcolm McLaren's theories, a link forged, perhaps, when Weatherall's life was changed by the Sex Pistols.

Although partial to extended, spacious mixes which transform their original source material into contemplative landscapes of echo, Weatherall has a punkish edge. "Vlock Factory" on the forthcoming album could be Sheffield industrial music remade for the 1990s — an ominous 15-minute instrumental overlaid with the eerie tones of a bowed saw. Weatherall may never adorn the front cover of pop glossies, but his spirit is sorely needed in the record business.

DAVID TOOP

CONCERT

Spotlight on charm

Tim Finn
Forum, NW5

ON *Before and After*, his recent solo album, there is a song called "Strangeness and Charm". Tim Finn has both qualities in abundance. At his most spiritual, he is Robbie Robertson, but with a sense of irony. At his most pop-conscious, he is Steve Winwood, but with something to say.

Most of the time, though, he is not quite like anyone else you can think of. During a career that has encompassed the leadership of the band Split Enz and a spell alongside brother Neil in Crowded House, his music has benefited from the sense of his being an original spirit adapting himself to familiar structures.

Finn's special skill as a writer is his ability to approach commonplace situations from a new and revealing angle, then gift-wrap the lyric in a seductive melody and compelling arrangement. "Hit the Ground Running", his current single, is a good case in point.

Passive consumption might leave you with little more than a vague impression of blue skies and an open road; it is classic music-to-drive-to. But in fact it is about Aids.

Opening this only London date in a short British tour with a strong version of the song, Finn cut a dash in the sort of artfully assembled outfit associated with the creative directors of advertising agencies. However, his body language, suggestive of the actor Robin Williams impersonating mid-period Mick Jagger, cancelled any suspicions of latent lounge lizardry. And, in fine voice against the backing of a sympathetic five-piece band, he went on to favour good and sometimes excellent new material ("Many's the Time", "Persuasion", "In Your Sway") above older favourites — although "Six Months in a Leaky Boat" made a welcome appearance late in the set.

ALAN JACKSON

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Months of preparation undermined as cook drops out at last minute

Replacement spices seafaring menu

Lawrie Smith, skipper of Fortuna, looks ahead to the Whitbread Round the World Race



Nash cleans up his galley on board Fortuna before the Whitbread Round the World Race after answering a late call for a cook

WE have spent the past nine months studying tank and wind-tunnel data, refining sail shapes and analysing weather patterns to get our maxi yacht, Fortuna, ready for the start tomorrow of the Whitbread Round the World Race. Nothing has been spared in terms of money or resources to get the boat and crew into top shape, but nothing could have prepared us for a last-minute crisis like the loss of our cook, Richard Gibson.

A veteran from the Irish challenger, NCB, four years ago, he was an experienced hand on the boat, but the doctors will not sign him off for the voyage and the thought of our medic, Paul Standbridge, having to deal with a strangulated hernia was too much to contemplate.

To fill the vacancy, we have plucked Andrew Nash, a 29-year-old Zimbabwean chef, from one of the best restaurants in Lymington. There are no doubts about his culinary skills, but there is a question mark over his ability to function effectively when the going gets rough. He has sailed on a boat only twice before, and there will be no escape for 5,500 miles if he falls seasick.

We have a back-up plan, but are keeping it quiet from Russell Pickthall, our sail maker and one-time cordonbleu chef.

Nash's inclusion in the team makes Fortuna one of the most international crews in the fleet, with the United States, Australia, Britain, Ireland, Holland, New Zealand and Spain represented.

The boat has been modified since the Fastnet Race. We have fitted a deeper keel and changed the lead bulb to improve her windward performance. A ton of lead has been taken out of the hull and we have added more sail area.

She's a five-year-old design that is wider and heavier than our rivals and needs more horsepower to make her competitive, but we think we will be up with the pace.

I see our toughest competition coming from Grant Dalton's New Zealand Endeavour, one of three Bruce Farr designs. Her mizen-mast is more than a metre higher than that stepped on Daniel Malle's La Poste and Pierre Fehlmann's similar-sized maxi, Merit Cup. Fortuna's mizen, by comparison, is three metres higher than Endeavour's, which gives us a considerable advantage over all of them in terms of sail area.

To be competitive, we need to have all that sail area set, and not be reefed down. That means an optimum wind speed of six to 20 knots, which we are likely to get for much of the Atlantic legs at least.

I do not believe the Whitbread 60's will beat the maxis, which are around 85ft, because, unlike everyone's perception of Roaring Forties weather, much of this race is through light winds when the maxis have a significant advantage.

There is little to divide the Whitbread 60s because all are similar in design and have experienced crews. One that has impressed me is Ross Field's Yamaha, the latest of the Farr designs. The former Steinlager watch leader has put together one of the most experienced crews in the fleet and, having covered more more than 15,000 miles in these new designs, is one of the best prepared.

Others to watch are Winston, skippered by Dennis Conner, Brad Butterworth and Chris Dickson's Tokio, and Javier de la Gandara's Spanish entry, Galicia 93 Pescanova, which won the Fastnet Race.

□ *Lawrie Smith, 37, won an Olympic yachting bronze medal last year. He has twice been an America's Cup skipper and this will be his third Whitbread race. He will be writing exclusively for The Times on the race.*

Conner relishing prospect of fresh challenge

BY BARRY PICKTHALL

DENNIS Conner and Peter Blake, two of the great names in yachting, strode into Southampton yesterday to run the rule over the competition for this winter's Whitbread Round the World Race.

Blake, the skipper who took the New Zealand ketch, Steinlager II, to victory in the last race three years ago, has been through it all too many times to be fazed by the air of excitement around the dockside. After all, he has competed on five occasions.

However, for Conner, a veteran of six America's Cup campaigns, the voyage ahead will be a new experience. "The boats are wet and uncomfortable, but they are fast and powerful, particularly when reaching with their ballast tanks full," said the man who will skipper the United States entry, Winston, on at least two legs of the 33,000-mile race.

"I decided to do this race because the competition was very interesting and I had the chance to sail a level class of boat against some of the best sailors in the world."

Blake, in Southampton to endorse Murrey Ross, a former crew-mate who is now skipper of the joint New Zealand-Japanese entry, Yamaha, took a more sanguine view of it all.

"Looking around the dockside, it is easy to concentrate on the technology and forget about the harsh conditions that lie ahead in the Southern Ocean," he said.

"Everyone says that the adventure has gone out of the race, but anyone who competes in the Whitbread will have changed when they come back, changed for the better.

"This race tests people to the ultimate. When they finish the second leg, they will believe that they have endured the worst moments of their life, but later they will also remember some of those were the best times of their lives.

"That is what the Whitbread is all about. If it was easy, they wouldn't do it. This Whitbread is going to be one of the tightest, hard-fought races of all," he predicted.

On the dockside, there was no sign of the customs officers that creditors of Nance Frank's US Women's Challenge team had threatened to call in to arrest her yacht for non-payment of bills. But sailmakers were rushing about after the international jury gave Chris Dickson leave to appeal against the decision last week to ban the novel gennakers on his yacht, Tokio.

While his appeal was being heard last night, rival syndicates were rushing out copies of this reaching sail which measures as a spinnaker but acts as a genoa. "If the committee agrees to the sail, then they are starting an arms race that the Whitbread 60 class was brought in to avoid," said a spokesman for Conner's entry.

"It will be OK for us. We can make these sail overnight, but poorer syndicates, like Matthew Humphries' Dolphin & Youth Challenge and the US Women's Challenge, cannot afford them."

Today, Humphries is expected to announce a major sponsor for his cash-strapped British challenger, which should strengthen competitiveness on later legs of the race.

Jacobs in line to make $1m title challenge

BY SRIKUMAR SEN
BOXING CORRESPONDENT

GARY Jacobs, the European welterweight champion from Glasgow, is in line for a title bout with Pernell Whitaker, the World Boxing Council welterweight champion. Jacobs could receive around $1 million and the bout could take place as early as November.

Mickey Duff, Jacobs' manager, said yesterday that Dan Duva, Whitaker's manager, had said that the bout could take place if talks about a rematch between Whitaker and Julio Cesar Chavez break down. Whitaker recently met the great Mexican, but did not get the verdict, the match being declared a draw.

"Whitaker's people's-first priority is a rematch with Chavez," Duff said, "because that is a $20 million fight. If that comes about, then I've got to sit in a queue. If that doesn't come about, and I'm given to understand there is a lot of reluctance on the part of Chavez's people to take the match, Dan said he would seriously consider us. It is the sort of fight in which Gary could wind up with $1 million.

"Whitaker will find Jacobs far more awkward than he found Chavez because it's two southpaws and styles make fights."

Jacob relished the idea of meeting the man who has ended Chavez's winning record. "I would be the complete underdog for that and that could be his undoing," Jacobs said. "I need things to get up for and I'd get up for that." Jacobs, who had no trouble stopping Daniel Bicchieray, his French challenger, in five rounds at Wembley Grand Hall on Wednesday, could box again on October 16 in Paris.

□ Colin McMillan yesterday reluctantly consented to go to Wales in his attempt to regain the World Boxing Oganisation featherweight title. McMillan agreed to meet Steve Robinson, the champion, at the Cardiff Ice Rink on October 23, only half an hour before yesterday's announcement. He wanted home advantage in London.

It will be his first bout since losing the title to Ruben Palacio, of Colombia a year ago.

□ Henry Akinwande, thwarted in his attempt to defend his European heavyweight title, against Alexander Miroshnichenko, of the CIS, will defend his Commonwealth crown against Clifton Mitchell, who is relatively inexperienced but unbeaten, at the Elephant and Castle Leisure Centre on October 6. Miroshnichenko was unable to obtain travel documents.

Bull found guilty of bringing game into disrepute

BY CHRIS MOORE

STEVE Bull, the Wolverhampton Wanderers forward, was yesterday given a three-match suspension from October 4 after being found guilty by the Football Association of bringing the game into disrepute.

The former England international had been charged with misconduct over an incident in a pre-season game at Wrexham in which the Welsh club's defender, Mel Pejic, suffered a fractured cheekbone, chipped teeth and concussion.

Bull will miss the Coca-Cola Cup second-round second-leg tie with Swindon Town and the first division games against Nottingham Forest and Crystal Palace, although last night Wolverhampton were still weighing up their right of appeal.

Keith Pearson, the club secretary who is also a Molineux director, said: "We had a fair hearing, but are concerned and disappointed at the verdict. We are still of the opinion it was an accidental clash."

Bull left the hearing, at which FA officials studied a video recording of the incident, without comment, but the club's manager, Graham Turner, said: "There was no malice aforethought, there were no preconceived ideas, and no way he was trying to injure the player. We are a little disappointed with the outcome."

Pejic said: "It's a shame it has come to this, but I feel the verdict has vindicated our action."

Tommy Wright, Newcastle United's Northern Ireland goalkeeper, was last night in the process of completing a £450,000 move to Nottingham Forest. The deal takes Frank Clark's spending as Forest manager since succeeding Brian Clough to over £5 million. Wright is likely to make his debut, in place of Mark Crossley, in Forest's first division game at Bolton on Sunday.

Aston Villa yesterday signed a £1 million shirt-sponsorship deal for the next two years with Müller, the yoghurt makers. Villa will wear the Müller name on their strip for the first time in in the FA Carling Premiership game at Oldham Athletic tomorrow.

The Football League yesterday confirmed it may investigate Manchester United's decision to field seven reserves in their 2-1 Coca-Cola Cup defeat against Stoke City on Wednesday. Parker was injured, but United chose to leave out Keane, Giggs, Cantona, Ince, Bruce and Sharpe.

FOR THE RECORD

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago 11, St Louis 9; Los Angeles 3, Cincinnati 1; Montreal 6, Atlanta 1; Philadelphia 2, Florida 1 (12 inns); New York 6, Pittsburgh 5 (10 inns); San Francisco 1, Houston 0; Colorado 11, San Diego 4.
AMERICAN LEAGUE: Detroit 8, Milwaukee 4; Cleveland 4, Baltimore 2; Minnesota 5, New York 2; Boston 7, Toronto 5 (10 inns); Chicago 1, California 0; Kansas City 3, Oakland 2 (10 inns); Seattle 7, Texas 4.

BASKETBALL

BUDWEISER PREMIER LEAGUE: Oldham Celtics 77, Birmingham Bullets 103

BOWLS

BROADSTAIRS: Shepherd Neame Open tournament. Men's pairs: Section semi-finals: J Hurst and P James bt R Morton and V King, 31-11; R Cook and D Smith bt P Bing and E Dennis, 21-20, F Dean and J Flood bt E Epps and D Davey, 29-11, J Mebank and D Briscoe bt J Callow and J Porter, 26-3, M Arnold and J Mckechnie bt H Stevens and C Mackey, 23-14, D Hunn and S Hunn bt J Devitt and R Slater, 18-17 (after extra end); A Brockwell and W Bell bt S Cover and D Omn, 23-20; C Wells and R Symes bt S Purks and C Walker, 22-14. Women's pairs, Second round: E Brockwell and M Roy bt M Trench and D George, 21-7, J Wood and G Burke bt O Freeman and B Davies, 25-14; K Knott and S Taylor bt L Ryan and C Branchett, 23-19, P Mortley and A Plummer bt M Maker and J Thompson, 21-18

BOXING

BETHNAL GREEN: British welterweight championship (vacant): Del Bryan (Nottingham) bt Pat Barrett (Manchester), pts. Feather (4 rnds): Paul Webster (Barking) bt Kevin Simons (Swansea), rsc 2nd rnd; (6 rnds) Marcus McCrae (Hackney) bt Miguel Matthews (Ystalyfera), pts. Welter (8 rnds): Derek Grainger (West Ham) bt Gary Barron (Peterborough), ret 4th. Light-middle (6 rnds) Kevin Adamson (Walthamstow) bt Russell Washer (Swansea), pts; Adrian Dodson (Islington) ko Robert Peel (Llandovery), 1st. Super-middle (6 rnds) Sam Storey (Belfast) bt John Kaighn (Swansea), pts.
WEMBLEY: European welterweight championship: Gary Jacobs (Glasgow, holder) bt Daniel Beckerey (Fr), rsc 5th rnd. British super-bantamweight championship: Final eliminator: Bradley Stone (Canning Town) bt Tony Silkstone (Leeds), rsc 3rd. Light-welter (6 rnds) Dean Hollington (West Ham) ko Mark O'Callaghan (Tunbridge Wells), 1st. Welter (6 rnds) John Thaxton (Norwich) bt John Smith (Liverpool), pts. Cruiser (6 rnds) Phil Soundy (Benfleet) bt Art Stacey (Leeds), pts. Heavy (6 rnds) J A Bugner (St Ives) ko Gary Charlton (Leeds), 1st. Light-middle (6 rnds) Cornelius Carr (Middlesbrough) bt Horace Fleary (Huddersfield), pts

FOOTBALL

BRAZILIAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Group A: Flamengo 2, São Paulo 0, Group B: Fluminense 2, Atletico Mineiro 0; Guarani 2, Santos 1; Sport Recife 1, Gremio 0; Palmeiras v Vasco da Gama — abandoned (Vasco da Gama refused to play). Group C: Ceara 1, Nautico 0; Fortaleza 1, Goias 1; Poysandu 2, Vitoria 0; Santa Cruz 5, Remo 1. Group D: Coritiba 0, Parana 0; Cricuma 3, America/Belo Horizonte 1, Desportiva 1, Uniao Sao Joao 0; Portuguesa 2, Atletico Paranaense 0
SOUTH AMERICAN CONMEBOL CUP: Final, first leg: Penarol (Uru) 1, Botafogo (Br) 1.
Late results on Wednesday
COCA-COLA CUP: Second round, first leg: Bradford 2 Norwich 1; Burnley 0 Tottenham 0, Coventry 3 Wycombe 0; Exeter 1 Derby 3; Fulham 1 Liverpool 3; Hereford 0 Wimbledon 1, Manchester City 1 Reading 1, Newcastle 4 Notts County 1; Southampton 1 Shrewsbury 0, Stoke 2 Manchester United 1; Swindon 2 Wolverhampton 0; West Bromwich 1 Chelsea 1; West Ham 5 Chesterfield 1.
SCOTTISH LEAGUE CUP: Semi-final: Rangers 1, Celtic 0. Rangers meet Hibernian in final.
DRINKWISE CUP: First round, second leg: Gateshead 3 Altrincham 1 (agg: 6-2)
FA TROPHY: First qualifying round replay: Hebburn 2, Consett 1
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Premier division: Boston United 4, Emley 0. First division: Great Harwood 0, Farsley 0; Lancaster 2, Radcliffe 2; Warrington 2, Congleton 1.
NORTHERN COUNTIES EAST LEAGUE: Premier division: Eccleshill 1, Liversedge 3; Lincoln Utd 1, Sheffield 2.
BEAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Southern division: Burnham 1, Baldock 4; Weststone 3, Fisher 93 0.
DIADORA LEAGUE: League Cup: First round: Bognor Regis 2, Hayes 0, Cove 1, Enfield 5, Epsom and Ewell 1, Chertsey 2; Harlow 1, Dorking 2; Molesey 1, Newbury 1.
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Queens Park Rangers 0, Chelsea 1; Portsmouth 2, Charlton 0; Tottenham 2, Luton 1; Watford 2, Millwall 4. League Cup: Cardiff 1, Cheltenham 0; Swansea 9, Hereford 0, Torquay 3, Yeovil 1.
PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: First division: Bolton 3, Everton 3, Leeds 1, York 0. Second division: Hull 3, West Bromwich Albion 1; Middlesbrough 4, Blackpool 0; Port Vale 0, Tranmere 1; Scunthorpe 1, Grimsby 4.
FEDERATION BREWERY NORTHERN LEAGUE: First division: Billingham Synthonia 2, Newcastle Blue Star 1, Brandon 2, West Auckland 4, Durham 1, Northallerton 1; Eppleton 1, Guisborough 0; Murton 0, Seaham Red Star 0. Second division: Ashington 1, Rytnope 1; Darlington 1, Langley Park 3, Evenwood 0, Crook 2, Prudhoe 2, Shotton 2, Warrington 2, Bedlington 4.
WORLD CUP: European group one: Estonia 0, Italy 3

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Switzerland	8	5	3	0	19	5	13
Italy	8	5	2	1	18	6	12
Portugal	7	4	2	1	14	4	10
Scotland	8	3	3	2	11	10	9
Malta	9	1	1	7	3	21	3
Estonia	8	0	1	7	1	20	1

REMAINING FIXTURES: Oct 13: Portugal v Switzerland, Italy v Scotland. Nov 10: Portugal v Estonia. Nov 17: Italy v Portugal, Malta v Scotland: Switzerland v Estonia.
Group two: Norway 1, Poland 0, San Marino 0, Holland 7.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Norway	8	6	2	0	21	3	14
Holland	8	3	3	1	24	8	11
England	8	4	3	1	19	6	11
Poland	7	3	2	2	8	7	8
Turkey	8	1	1	6	7	17	3
San Marino	9	0	1	8	1	39	1

REMAINING FIXTURES: Oct 13: Holland v England, Poland v Norway. Oct 27: Turkey v Poland. Nov 10: Turkey v Norway. Nov 16: San Marino v England. Nov 17: Poland v Holland.
INTERNATIONAL MATCHES: Romania 1, Israel 0. Tunisia 1, Germany 1
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Highgate 3, Malvern 2, Shrewsbury 2, Hulme GS 1. Boodle and Dunthorne Independent Schools Cup: First round: Bury GS 1, Brentwood 4; Hulme GS 3, Batley GS 2. Kimbolton 1, Charterhouse 4. Lancing 3, Manchester GS 2.

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bedford 64, Bedfordshire Police 0; Cambridge University 28, Cambridge City 19; Nuneaton 23, Towcestrians 3; Marlow 22, RAF Strike Command 14.

FIXTURES

FOOTBALL
NEVILLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Norwich v Bristol City (7.30)
CARLING NORTH-WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: First division: Bradford Park Avenue v Bocup (7.30)
RUGBY LEAGUE
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OTHER SPORT
GOLF: Ryder Cup (The Belfry).
SNOOKER: Regal Masters (Motherwell).
TENNIS: LTA autumn satellite tournament (Sheffield)
SCHOOLS MATCHES: Henley 27, Desborough 0; Mill Hill 22, UCS 0; Nottingham 3, Loughborough GS 9; St John's 31, Churcher's 8; Wymondham 12, Framlingham 8. Daily Mail Under-18 Cup: Preliminary round: Chichester HS 48, Newman 3. First round: St Olave's 41, Dartford 6.
COURAGE LEAGUE: Leading scorers: First division: 27: J Callard (Bath: 1 try, 5 conversions, 4 penalty goals). 21: D Johnson (Newcastle Gosforth; 7pg). 20: P Grayson (Northampton; 1c, 6pg). 18: S Langford (Orrell, 3c, 4pg). 17: R Andrew (Wasps; 1c, 5pg). 16: M Tainton (Bristol: 2c, 4pg). 15: P Challinor (Harlequins; 1t, 2c, 2pg); J Naylor (Orrell, 3g).

SNOOKER

MOTHERWELL: Regal Masters: First round: N Bond (Eng) bt S Davis (Eng), 5-3.

SQUASH

JOHANNESBURG: Women's World Open: Second round: M Martin (Aus) bt F Geaves (Eng), 9-7, 9-2, 9-3; C Jackman (Eng) bt R O'Callaghan (Ire), 8-10, 9-7, 9-4, 9-0; S Wright (Eng) bt S Macfie (Eng), 9-6, 7-9, 7-9, 9-6, 9-1; L Irving (Aus) bt R Macree (Eng), 9-7, 9-3, 9-5. Quarter-finals: M Le Moignan (Engl bt S Horner (Eng), 9-0, 5-9, 9-7, 10-8; S Schone (Ger) bt Jackman, 8-10, 1-9, 9-1, 10-8, 9-6.
DUBAI: Men's tournament: Second round: T Nancarrow (Aus) bt S Meads (Eng), 15-8, 15-6, 15-8, R Martin (Aus) bt S Elopuro (Fin), 15-9, 17-14, 15-8. Quarter-finals: Jansher Khan (Pak) bt R Norman (NZ), 15-4, 15-6, 17-14; P Whitlock (Eng) bt A Kirkland (Eng), 15-14, 15-13, 15-2; R Eyles (Aus) bt P Marshall (Eng), 15-9, 15-13, 15-9; R Martin (Aus) bt T Nancarrow (Aus), 15-5, 15-5, 15-8

TENNIS

DAVIS CUP: World Group qualifying match: Ramat Hasharon: Switzerland lead Israel, 2-1 (Swiss names first): M Rosset bt G Bloom, 6-2, 4-6, 4-6, 8-4, 6-2; Rosset and J Hlasek bt A Menadorf and Bloom, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.
SHEFFIELD: LTA autumn satellite tournament: Men: Quarter-finals: T Henman (Eng) bt M Maclagan (Scot), 6-2, 6-4; S Herdoca (US) bt D Stapford (Eng), 3-6, 6-2, 6-3; P Langvardt (Den) bt B Gyetko (Can), 6-3, 6-4; J Hunter (Eng) bt J Sher (SA), 2-6, 6-1, 7-6. Women: Quarter-finals: L Bois (Fr) bt N Jarlen (Fr), 2-6, 6-3, 7-6; V Humphreys-Davies (Eng) bt C Herbert (Eng), 4-6, 6-4, 6-3; D Huber (US) bt N Egrova (Russ), 7-5, 6-4; S Parkhomenko (Russ) bt J Ward (Eng), 6-3, 6-0.
TOKYO: Women's tournament: First round: M Wardel (US) bt N Kijimuta (Japan), 3-6, 6-2, 6-2; D Graham (US) bt C Kuhlman (US), 7-5, 6-3; D Monami (Belgium) bt M Jaggard-Lai (Aus), 7-6, 2-6, 6-4. Second round: K Date (Japan) bt Wang Shi-ling (Taiwan), 6-4, 6-2; Wardel bt G Sabatini (Arg), 6-3, 3-6, 7-5; L Davenport (US) bt A Sugiyama (Japan), 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.

YACHTING

PERTH, Australia: World match racing championship: Third day: 1, R Coutts (NZ), 11 wins, 3 losses; 2, E Baird (US), 10, 4; 3, E Warden-Owen (GB), 9, 5; equal 4, R Heiner (Holl), B Pace (Fr), 8, 6; equal 6, P Gilmour (Aus), R Davis (NZ), 7, 7; equal 8, C Law (GB), T Peponnet (Fr), 4, 10; 10, M Holmberg (Swe), 2, 12.

WORD-WATCHING

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BREASTSUMMER
(b) A "summer" or beam extending horizontally over a large opening and sustaining the whole superstructure of wall, etc., eg the beam over a shop-front, the lower beam of the front of a gallery, and the like, from *breast* + an adaptation of the French *sommier* a beam: "The breastsummer was then burning." Breastsummers of stout oak."

POGONOTROPHY
(a) Cultivation of the beard, beard-growing, from the Greek *pōgōn* a beard + *trophē* nourishment: "There appears to be some necessary correlation between Hippophagy [eating horses], Pogonotrophy, and perhaps Paganism."

YARWHELP
(c) The bar-tailed godwit, *Limosa lapponica* or *rufa*, said to be imitative of the goatlike cry of the godwit: "The Yarwhelp or Yarwip is something like a Woodcock." "A Yarwhelp, Barker, or Latrator is a Marsh bird about the bigness of a Godwit."

GYROVAGUE
(b) A monk who was in the habit of wandering from monastery to monastery, begging from door to door, in the manner of modern Mormons or Jehovah's Witnesses, from the Latin *gīrus* a circuit + *vagus* wandering: "The Gyrovagues, or Vagabonds, who strolled about from one monastery to another, gratifying too freely their inclinations and appetites."

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2.15 STANLEY SPORTSLINE MAIDEN STAKES
(3-Y-O: £3,844: 1m 2f 120yd) (12 runners)

1		030	BEVERLY KNIGHT 133 D Murray Smith 9-0	D Biggs 8
2		0-43	CHUMMY'S SAGA 27 B Hills 9-0	S Maloney (3) 4
3		00-0	RIVER SD LYRICAL 17 P Harris 9-0	G Hind 2
4		05-	SHILLELAGH BAY 333 P Harris 9-0	N Adams 10
5			VINTAGE RED 6 Mrs Dawson 9-0	W Newnes 7
6		3	WAIN 13 W Hern 9-0	W Ryan 9
7			COUSH WENDY J Pickering 8-9	A Garth (5) 1
8		0-	DILI 331 A Stewart 8-9	L Dettori 12
9		22-	GLOWING JADE 440 M Channon 8-9	R Price (7) 2
10			REGAL JEST B Mowat 8-9	G Parkin (7) 11
11		6	SABERAGE 36 F Lee 8-9	S Perks 6
12		4500	SOBA UP 20 J Etherington 8-9	A Culhane 5

9-4 Wain, 5-2 Chummy's Saga, 5-2 Glowing Jade, 5-1 Dili, 10-1 Ever So Lyrical, Saberage, 12-1 Soba Up, 16-1 Shillelagh Bay, 20-1 Beverly Knight, 25-1 Regal Jest, Vintage Red, 33-1 Cousin Wendy.

2.45 STANLEY CREDIT CLAIMING HANDICAP
(£3,485: 6f) (24)

1		0600	BALLAD DANCER 15 (D,F,G,S) P Calver 8-10-0	G Hind 12
2		1355	ISLAND KNIGHT 4 (G) M Ryan 4-9-11	A Procter (5) 9
3		3440	SARTIGILA 41 (D,S) M Hammond 4-9-10	J Mackay (5) 6
4		2201	FORTIS PAVOR 11 (D,F,S) R Whitaker 3-9-10 (5ex)	A Culhane 19
5		4414	SUDDEN SPIN 60 (V,D,F,G) J Berry 3-9-8	P Roberts (7) 10
6		5005	BIRCHWOOD SUN 11 (D,C,D,F,G,S) M Dods 3-9-6	L Dettori 20
7		0060	GENTLE HERO 6 (D,F,G,S) M Naughton 7-9-3	J Fortune 14
8		0010	WESTERN VALLEY 48 (D,G) K Cunningham-Brown 3-9-1	W Ryan 16
9		0330	OUR SHADEE 11 (V,D,F) K Ivory 3-9-0	M Wigham 22
10		0201	COURTING NEWMARKET 13 (D,G) Mrs A Knight 5-9-12	Marie Pinnelight (7) 1
11		5480	SUMMER EXPRESS 21 (D,G) J Spearing 4-8-11	L Dettori (7) 7
12		60-0	A LITTLE PRECIOUS 8 (D,G,S) J Bostock 7-8-10	S Wilkinson 2
13		0054	LEIGH CROFTER 4 (G,G) P Cundell 4-8-10	W Newnes 23
14		4005	COCONUT JOHNNY 21 (F,S) M Channon 3-8-9	R Price (7) 18
15		3360	DONTDRESSFORDINNER 43 D R-Tucker 3-8-8	R Perham 5
16		5252	NICKNAME 69 Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-6	D Biggs 17
17		0022	LITTLE OSBORNE 6 (B,BF) M Bell 3-8-4	M Fenton (3) 13
18		0600	SUPREME DESIRE 73 (G,S) A Smith 5-8-3	M Wood 11
19		5600	JOTRA 37 E Alston 3-7-13	N Adams 9
20		0302	ALL THE GIRLS 11 R Dickin 4-7-12	Michelle Thomas (7) 24
21		0520	COLMAR 3 (G) J Spearing 3-7-8	A Tucker 15
22		0000	COAT OF DREAMS 21 (D,G) B McMahon 4-7-7	A Mackay 21
23		0004	VERRO 8 (B,D,G,S) J Bennett 6-7-7	N Carlisle 4
24		0054	PETAL'S JARRED 3 Mrs J Ramsden 3-7-7	D Thomas (7) 8

6-1 Courting Newmarket, 7-1 Nicknome, Little Osborne, 8-1 Fortis Pavor, Leigh Crofter, All The Girls, 10-1 Island Knight, Sudden Spin, 12-1 Verro, 14-1 Coconut Johnny, Petal's Jarred, 16-1 Birchwood Sun, Western Valley, 33-1 others.

3.15 STANLEY RACING HANDICAP
(£5,485: 1m 3f 200yd) (9)

1		1130	MUCH SOUGHT AFTER 39 (D,G,S) D Morley 4-9-10	L Dettori 3
2		3140	SAVOY TRUFFLE 53 (G) R Cecil 3-9-2	W Ryan 2
3		41/5	LAND AFAR 21 (F) J Webber 6-8-11	R Lappin 8
4		4420	MARKIES MILL 58 (V,D,G,S) M Bell 3-8-10	M Perrins (3) 5
5		4100	MIDYAN BLUE 58 (D,S) J Easton 3-8-7	M Kennedy (5) 6
6		463-	LIABILITY ORDER 144 (G) M Hammond 4-8-6	W Newnes 4
7		5453	LEGION OF HONOUR 6 (D,F,G) M Naughton 5-8-3	J Fortune 7
8		560-	ADMIRALS SEAT 351 (C,S) Mrs J Ramsden 5-8-1	S Maloney (3) 1
9		405-	BIRD WATCHER 309 M Hammond 4-8-0	J Marshall (5) 9

11-4 Much Sought After, 3-1 Savoy Truffle, 4-1 Legion Of Honour, 11-2 Markies Mill, 7-1 Midyan Blue, 10-1 Land Afar, 14-1 Liability Order, 16-1 others.

3.50 STANLEY LEISURE ORGANISATION DREAM MILE HANDICAP (£6,157: 1m 30yd) (12)

1		0535	COOL LUKE 93 (C,S) G Moore 4-9-13	W Newnes 10
2		1-05	GREAT STEPS 127 (S) E Weymes 3-8-9	G Hind 5
3		3810	DEBSY DO 15 (F,G) S Norton 4-8-7	D Pearn (3) 11
4		0503	HILARY GERRARD 9 (S) Mrs J Cecil 3-8-7	D Biggs 12
5		3-63	LABUDD 13 (D,S) J Gosden 3-8-5	L Dettori 3
6		0105	JAHARRER 10 (D,F,G,S) B Hanbury 4-8-2	W Ryan 7
7		2200	DOC COTTRILL 13 (S) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-13	D Thomas (7) 9
8		3504	BEAUMAN 13 (D,C,S) B McMahon 3-8-6	A Mackay 4
9		5000	MINEMANLES 25 (B,F,G,S) M H Easterby 3-8-5	S Maloney (3) 2
10		6520	KUMMEL KING 34 (F,S) E Alston 5-8-1	Stephen Davies (3) 1
11		0206	PRINCESS OF ORANGE 62 (D,S) W Brisbourne 4-7-10	M Caddick 6
12		5533	MAROWNS 37 (G) E Alston 4-7-8	N Adams 8

7-4 Labudd, 9-2 Jahargir, 8-1 Debsy Do, Hilary Gerrard, 7-1 others.

4.20 STANLEY SNOOKER NURSERY HANDICAP
(2-Y-O: £3,629: 6f) (9)

1		4030	LEGATEE 16 (F) J Etherington 9-7	W Ryan 1
2		1135	JIMMY THE SKUNK 27 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 9-2	L Dettori 6
3		0351	NO MEAN CITY 7 (D,D,F) A Bailey 9-2 (7ex)	A Mackay 5
4		0060	HILTONS TRAVEL 7 (G) E Alston 9-0	S Knott (7) 3
5		3004	MONKEY MAGIC 8 J Berry 8-3	J Fortune 2
6		4405	DINOT 28 R Hollinshead 8-3	A Culhane 19
7		446	LEADING PRINCESS 36 Miss L Perratt 7-10	A Garth (5) 9
8		6532	ANTIGUAN SKY 11 (BF) Mrs J Ramsden 7-10	M Kennedy (3) 7
9		0053	MERISSA 28 M W Easterby 7-9	D Biggs 8
				N Adams 4

5-2 No Mean City, 7-2 Jimmy The Skunk, 4-1 Antiguan Sky, 7-1 others.

4.50 STANLEY CLUBS STAKES (£3,454: 1m 6f) (5)

1		3545	BADIE 29 (F,S) J Dunlop 4-9-3	G Hind 3
2		33-	HONDESHOM 476 W Elsey 7-9-1	W Newnes 4
3		3810	KING UBAD 9J K Cunningham-Brown 4-9-1	S Maloney (3) 5
4		-331	VRATISLAV 7 (F,G) J Gosden 4-9-1	L Dettori 1
5		-512	DOVER PATROL 42 (D,G) R Cecil 3-8-7	W Ryan 2

13-8 Dover Patrol, 2-1 Vratislav, 4-1 Badie, 6-1 King Ubad, 14-1 Hondeshom

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TRAINERS: H Cecil, 20 winners from 56 runners, 35.7%; J Gosden, 23 from 72, 31.9%; J Dunlop, 18 from 85, 21.2%; M Bell, 7 from 37, 18.9%; B Hills, 13 from 75, 16.5%; K Ivory, 3 from 20, 15.0%.
JOCKEYS: L Dettori, 20 wins from 105 rides, 18.0%; W Ryan, 23 from 137, 16.8%; R Lappin, 5 from 35, 14.3%; W Newnes, 8 from 64,12.5%. Only qualifiers.

Loder scales new heights with group win

By Julian Muscat

DAVID Loder's first full season reached new heights at Ascot yesterday when he saddled Prince Of Andros to a narrow but thoroughly deserved victory in the group three Hoover Cumberland Lodge Stakes.

The attacking, battling qualities of Prince Of Andros's head defeat of Bobzao epitomised Loder's own approach to the sport, which has ruffled a few feathers among the Newmarket trainers.

This first group victory sets the seal on Loder's achievements to date. With 45 winners, he has already eclipsed Robert Armstrong's first-season total of 43, achieved in 1973, the best Newmarket total since the war. Such notable residents as Henry Cecil and Geoff Wragg (27), Loder's most recent tutor, have been left in his wake.

He had nothing but praise for Prince Of Andros yesterday. The three-year-old, having his sixth race since his debut in July, swept past longtime leader, Muhayaa, two furlongs out before resisting the luckless Bobzao's desperate late challenge.

"That will do him for the season," the trainer said. "He does just enough and is quite a deceptive horse. He's had all sorts of problems with bone chips in his joints and knees, and it's taken him time to get the hang of things."

Plans to send Prince Of Andros for a North American campaign have now been shelved in favour of another domestic season, when the top middle-distance races will be on his agenda. Not bad for a horse whose initial entries in June were for selling races.

Prince Of Andros has been particularly well handled by Lanfranco Dettori, who hopes to continue the association next year, even though John Gosden will have first claim on the young Italian's services.

Gosden, who sent out Meadow Pipit to collect the Bishopsgate Fillies' Stakes for apprentices, yesterday spoke warmly about his forthcoming association with Dettori. "I've known him ever since he came to California [where Gosden used to train] to ride out for me there," Gosden said. "His style is reminiscent of Chris McCarron, and it's pretty obvious he's a young rider on the way up. That's what you need — a long-term partnership."

The Newmarket trainer also refuted suggestions that his relationship with Michael Roberts, Shaikh Mohammed's jockey for 1993, had turned sour. "There have never been any personal differences between us," he said. "Ideally we would all have liked to wait until the end of the season, but Frankie had a serious offer to ride in France so it couldn't be done. This has been an unfortunate and sometimes unpleasant experience; I'm glad it's all over."

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Rambo's Hall, second left, completing a notable double in the Hoover Rated Handicap at Ascot

Gosden has yet to finalise his challenge for the Queen Elizabeth II Stakes tomorrow, for which Kingmambo was yesterday confirmed an intended runner. Luca Cumani was still reluctant to commit Barathea to the race, but expressed himself pleased with the colt's final gallop at Newmarket yesterday.

Cumani's Blue Seal Stakes representative, Verdigris, could not improve on her trainer's fine record in this juvenile fillies' event. She could finish only fourth behind Peter Walwyn's newcomer, Tablah, who appeared the most backward of the eight runners.

Meanwhile, the dual Cambridgeshire winner, Rambo's Hall, is now 8-1 favourite, from 12-1 with William Hill, the race sponsors, to complete the treble.

The Jeremy Glover-trained eight-year-old beat He's A King impressively to collect the Hoover Rated Handicap for the second year running and picks up a 5lb penalty for the first leg of the autumn double. Yesterday's success was a surprise 47th birthday present for Glover, who said: "I feared he wouldn't be spot on today, having spent five days in his box with a foot abscess about two weeks ago. I'm sure he's between 7lb and 10lb better on straight tracks like here and Newmarket."

Mildmay-White leads way with subtle approach

Disciplinary chairman talks to **Richard Evans** about high-profile role

By the year 2,000, will the Jockey Club have joined White's, Brooks's and the Athenaeum as exclusive refuges where members prefer to concentrate on the vintage of port rather than worry about exercising power?

Or will Portman Square emerge from the recent upheaval that spawned the British Horseracing Board (BHB) as an enlightened regulator enjoying the respect and confidence of those within racing and beyond as it enforces the rules and upholds the integrity of the sport?

The answer, in large part, depends on Anthony Mildmay-White, a traditional countryman who forsakes the family estate on the Devon-Cornwall border three days a week to head for London and his role as chairman of the Jockey Club's disciplinary committee.

Mildmay-White, 45, is under no illusions. He is "immensely aware" that his performance and that of his colleagues on such a high-profile committee will have a direct bearing on the future role of the Jockey Club as the 21st century beckons.

The case for transferring the club's remaining powers to the BHB, sooner rather than later, grows apace — fuelled, it must be said, by some board members. What is the point, it is argued, of having two separate authorities running the sport? Why should the BHB set up as the sport's governing body, be powerless, for example, to prevent another Grand National fiasco due to the Jockey Club retaining responsibility for regulating horse races and race meetings? Critics also wonder why a Jockey Club that has failed to catch a horse doper in living memory should continue to be responsible for security, let alone discipline and rules.

Add to that a belief that the disciplinary committee has often appeared autocratic, aloof, resistant to sensible change and out of touch with the real world while holding its enquiries in secret, and the obstacles facing the articulate disciplinary chairman make Becher's look like child's play.

The Cambridge-educated Mildmay-White is not a crusading chairman — "my own style is different to some of my predecessors." After Darryll Holland appeared at Portman Square recently over his misuse of the whip, Mildmay-White announced he would be having a meeting with the young jockey, his agent and Jimmy Lindley to explain to Holland where his American style of riding could breach the new whip rules.

Such an informal and helpful get-together, where the quartet studied video tapes of Holland's riding style, would have been unthinkable not so long ago. A similarly sympathetic approach was adopted towards Alan Munro when he appeared before the disciplinary committee over the whip.

Mildmay-White's style reflects a determination to be more open, more communicative; to explain, to educate and so reassure a sometimes-doubting racing public. "I would like to break down the barriers — I will never achieve it totally — between 'them and us', between the disciplinary committee and particularly trainers, jockeys and, hopefully, the press."

Although he believes opening up disciplinary enquiries to the public and press would prejudice the quality of justice and hinder getting at the truth, he said: "I have some sympathy with the argument that the public and the press are in the dark at times about what happens." To that end, more information about enquiries is likely to be forthcoming.

On the same theme, his committee has approved, in principle, a scheme, based on Irish practice, requiring trainers to inform stewards after a race any reason why their horse ran badly below form. The information would be relayed over the racecourse public address system and to betting shops.

Mildmay-White will soon receive proposals to change rule 153, one of the most criticised within racing, which leads to winning horses being disqualified if they are found to have caused interference due to the careless or accidental riding of their jockeys. A further whiff of reform could come from a fine-tuning review of the entire rule book being carried out by David Pipe, the club's director of public affairs.

The subtle change in style and substance will not satisfy everyone, especially the power-hungry elements within the BHB. "When the BHB was set up they didn't wish to take on the integrity and discipline side and it is not included in their short, medium or long-term objectives, so they must be happy with us carrying on," he said. "My own belief is that the Jockey Club does have the ability to stand back from the industry when maintaining discipline and integrity and is not in danger of ever being compromised for commerical reasons."

While Mildmay-White is convinced the present split in functions between the Jockey Club and the BHB is right for racing "at the present time," he will not speculate on what will happen by the turn of the century. By then, he could be senior steward of the Jockey Club, although he insists his present job is the summit of his ambitions at Portman Square. "I have risen to the level of my own incompetence," he joked. Time will tell.

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S THREE RACE MEETINGS

Ascot

Going: good to soft

2.00 (7f) 1, PETARDIA (M Hills, 3-1 fav); 2, Celestial Key (K Darley, 6-1); 3, Humam (R Hills, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Rustic Craft (5th), 4 Serious (4th). 5 ran. 1l, 2l, 2½l, 4l. G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £3.50; £2.00, £2.90. DF: £10.50. CSF: £16.37. 1min 31.78sec

2.30 (1m) 1, RAMBO'S HALL (P Robinson, 11-2); 2, He's A King (L Dettori, 10-1); 3, Risk Master (D Holland, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Fraam, 11-2 Lord Chickney (4th), 7 Just You Dare (6th), 11 Fourforfun (5th), 20 Host. 8 ran. 1l, hd, nk, hd, 10l. J Glover at Worksop. Tote: £7.20; £2.40, £1.90, £2.00. DF: £28.30. CSF: £49.08. Tricast: £339.04. 1min 44.30sec

3.05 (1m 4f) 1, PRINCE OF ANDROS (L Dettori, 2-1 fav); 2, Bobzao (J Reid, 5-2); 3, Muhayaa (W R Swinburn, 6-1). ALSO RAN: 6 Lucky Lindy (4th), 8 Garden Of Heaven (5th), 16 Roll A Dollar (6th). 6 ran. Hd, 3l, 3½l, 1l, 8l. D Loder at Newmarket. Tote £2.90; £1.80, £1.60. DF: £3.00. CSF: £6.70. 2min 40.55sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood

3.40 (6f) 1, TABLAH (W Carson, 14-1); 2, Tzu'mu (M Hills, 5-1); 3, Island Of Silver (M Roberts, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 jt-fav Verdigris (4th), Balaabel (5th), 4 Raknah (6th), 12 Zitzlah, 100 Mutinique. 8 ran. NR: Sound Of The Blues. 2½l, ¾l, ½l, 1½l, 4l. P Walwyn at Lambourn. Tote: £11.70; £2.30, £2.00, £1.70. DF: £31.50. CSF: £73.57. 1min 18.22sec. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood

4.10 (2m 45yd) 1, SAFETY IN NUMBERS (J Quinn, 7-2 fav, Richard Evans's nap and Private Handicapper's top rating); 2, Ritto (D Holland, 12-1); 3, Titty (K Darley, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Moidart, 7 Bold Resolution (4th), 10 Doyce (5th), 11 Encore Une Fois, 16 Iota, 20 Star Player (6th), Lobilio, Chakalak, Hierarch, Western Dynasty, 25 Dushan, 100 Assembly Dancer. 15 ran. 4l, 2½l, 1l, 4l, 4l. Lady Herries at Littlehampton. Tote: £4.00; £2.20, £5.10, £3.90. DF: £40.50. Trio: £273.90. CSF: £41.25. Tricast: £484.29. 3min 36.85sec

4.40 (6f) 1, ALZIANAH (L Dettori, 13-2); 2, Storm Ship (B Raymond, 14-1); 3, Amidst (Paul Eddery, 7-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Amorel (5th), 11-2 Royale Figurine, 8 Noble Spirit, 10 Chickawicka (4th), 11 Asking For Aces, 12 Hello Mister, 25 Dancing Lawyer (6th). 10 ran. NR: Dollar Gamble. 1½l, 6l, hd, 3l, 3½l. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. Tote: £6.50; £1.70, £4.10, £2.50. DF: £60.90. Trio: £86.60. CSF: £79.68. Tricast: £502.56. 1min 17.02sec

5.10 (7f) 1, MEADOW PIPIT (P McCabe, 9-4); 2, Winged Victory (D Griffiths, 5-2); 3, Arabellajill (Mark Denaro, 2-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Ballasecret (4th). 4 ran. NR: Nether Nox. Hd, 3½l, 6l. J Gosden at Newmarket. Tote: £2.40. DF: £3.80. CSF: £7.41. 1min 31.65sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £51,788.90 carried forward to Ascot today).

Placepot: £359.40.

Perth

Going: good to firm

2.15 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Merry Nutkin (P Niven, 4-5 fav); 2, Fling In Spring (10-1); 3, Johns The Boy (50-1). 9 ran. 8l, 1½l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £2.00; £1.30, £1.50, £4.00. DF: £10.50. CSF: £9.57.

2.45 (2m 4f 110yd ch) 1, Grange Brake (D Bridgwater, 13-8 fav); 2, Boarding School (2-1); 3, Absailor (7-2). 4 ran. 7l, 8l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £2.00. DF: £2.50. CSF: £4.73.

3.15 (2m 110yd) 1, Bonus Point (P Niven, 5-1); 2, Wanza (5-4 fav); 3, Demaune (7-2). 5 ran. 1l, 12l. Mrs M Reveley. Tote: £3.60; £1.60, £1.10. DF: £2.80. CSF: £11.56.

3.45 (2m 4f 110yd hdle) 1, Master Of The Rock (C Hawkins, 6-1); 2, Persuasive (4-5 fav); 3, Dawader (6-1). 4 ran. 3l, 3l. Mrs P Barker. Tote: £6.10. DF: £6.10. CSF: £10.69.

4.15 (3m ch) 1, Scottish Gold (G McCourt, 4-1); 2, Second Attempt (33-1); 3, Earth Summit (4-6 fav). 7 ran. 30l, 2½l. Miss L Perratt. Tote: £3.60; £2.50, £7.90. DF: £32.40. CSF: £74.83.

4.45 (3m 110yd hdle) 1, Kano Warrior (V Slattery, 8-13 fav); 2, Charlotte's Emma (4-1); 3, Gathering Time (4-1). 5 ran. 2½l, 3l. N Twiston-Davies. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.60. DF: £3.40. CSF: £3.54

Placepot: £350.30.



Niven: Perth double

Taunton

Going: firm

2.20 (2m 3f 110yd hdle) 1, River Red (A Maguire, 2-1 jt-fav); 2, Cornish Cossack (8-1); 3, New Statesman (25-1). Sudanor 2-1 jt-fav. 11 ran. ½l, 7l. J White. Tote: £3.00; £1.80, £1.60, £4.00. DF: £7.40. CSF: £13.94.

2.50 (3m ch) 1, Kibula Chief (M A Fitzgerald, 6-5 fav); 2, Powder Boy (9-2); 3, Among Friends (7-2). 5 ran. NR: Marlborough Lady. 10l, 20l. J O'Shea. Tote: £2.50; £1.70, £1.30. DF: £4.00. CSF: £6.47

3.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Coochie (L Harvey, 17-2); 2, Taunting (4-1); 3, Shalou (6-1). Misty View 11-4 fav. 13 ran. NR: Elwazir. 4l, 2l. R Baker. Tote: £6.40; £1.70, £2.50, £2.20. DF: £19.60. CSF: £40.53.

3.50 (2m 110yd ch) 1, Marchman (J R Kavanagh, 7-2); 2, Music Box (25-1); 3, Windsor Park (5-2). Shufatut 2-1 fav. 10 ran. 1l, 8l. J King. Tote: £4.20; £2.00, £4.90, £1.60. DF: £48.80. CSF: £68.69

4.20 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Va Utu (Lorna Vincent, 5-1); 2, Nocatchim (17-2); 3, Spring To Glory (33-1). Cleeveland Lady 3-1 jt-fav. 9 ran. NR: Daring Class. Nk, 10l. M Channon. Tote: £5.80; £1.60, £2.40, £8.80. DF: £17.30. CSF: £40.70. Tricast: £1,121.76.

4.50 (2m 1f hdle) 1, C D Sharaplan (Lorna Vincent, 25-1); 2, Beat The Bagman (2-1 fav); 3, Green Chili (10-1). 14 ran. 4l, 10l. M Channon. Tote: £25.30; £4.40, £1.30, £3.20. DF: £132.00. CSF: £73.38.

Placepot: £96.50.

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THUNDERER

2.20 Once More For Luck. 2.50 Dancing Beau. 3.20 Uncle Doug. 3.55 Euro Festival. 4.25 Mumtaz Flypast. 5.00 Supreme Boy.

Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.50 PUSEY STREET BOY.

Newmarket Correspondent: 4.25 Kefahl.

GOING: GOOD SIS

DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.20 SCARBOROUGH SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,070: 6f) (23 runners)

1 015 ONCE MORE FOR LUCK 11 (S) Mrs M Reveley 9-4 K Darley 15
2 1216 PALACEGATE JO 31 (D,G) J Berry 8-13 J Carroll 8
3 2025 UP THE MARINERS 15 (D,G) J Mooney 8-13 K Rutter (5) 18
4 6 CAPTAIN KEYSTONE 144 S Norton 8-11 N Connorton 10
5 4436 HENRY THE HAWK 41 M Dods 8-11 V Halliday (7) 17
6 0000 HONG KONG FUTURE 29 B Beasley 8-11 A Munro 23
7 0632 LOCHON 6 W Barker 8-11 S Webster 6
8 50 MYSTICAL MICKEY 9 W Haigh 8-11 S D Williams (3) 12
9 0645 NORTHERN STORM 25 S Woods 8-11 W Woods 1
10 000 RICH GLOW 9 N Bycroft 8-11 L Charnock 11
11 5600 SALTPETRE 29 M Brittain 8-11 G Bardwell 19
12 2000 BESCABY GIRL 37 J Wainwright 8-8 J Fanning 20
13 BUCKING N Chamberlain 8-8 J Lowe 16
14 DENTON QUEEN M Dods 8-6 F Norton 22
15 450 FAIR SWOP 9 M H Easterby 8-6 M Birch 13
16 060 LEVEL EDGE 46 J Jefferson 8-6 R Price 2
17 0225 MARBLE 28 D Moffatt 8-6 Darren Moffatt (5) 3
18 00 MISS KATIE LOUISE 49 J Spearing 8-6 G Duffield 9
19 5544 MOCKINGBIRD 51 (V) Lord Huntingdon 8-6 D Harrison 5
20 000 MUSIC PRINCESS 37 B Gubby 8-6 R Hills 21
21 4 NEVER SO TRUE 30 P Haslam 8-6 J Weaver 4
22 005 PRIMUM TEMPUS 6 M H Easterby 8-6 T Lucas 14
23 65 RED MARCH HARE 4 Mrs A Swinbank 8-6 Dale Gibson 7

9-2 Lochon, 13-2 Palacegate Jo, 7-1 Level Edge, 8-1 Bescaby Girl, Marble, 9-1 Never So Sure, 10-1 Once More For Luck, 12-1 Primum Tempus, 14-1 others.

2.50 MISSISSIPPI AMATEUR RIDERS HANDICAP
(£4,090: 1m) (30 runners)

1 -055 LA BAMBA 15 (C,F,G,S) G Pritchard-Gordon 7-11-7 P Pritchard-Gordon (5) 11
2 2463 LET'S GET LOST 8 (CD,F) W Haggas 4-11-6 Mrs M Haggas (5) 4
3 0152 MULCIBER 22 (F,G) G Harwood 5-11-3 Miss A Harwood 12
4 0300 ARABAT 27 (C,D,F,G,S) M Wane 6-10-11 R Green (5) 25
5 0540 JALCANTO 17 (D,G) Mrs M Reveley 3-10-10 M Buckley 7
6 1433 PERDITION 27 (F) J Hills 3-10-9 Mrs S Wray (5) 2
7 0136 DUKE OF DREAMS 32J (C,F) Mrs M Reveley 3-10-8 Mrs M Cowdrey 15
8 -208 MAINLY ME 44 J Pearce 4-10-7 Mrs L Pearce 13
9 1223 DANCING BEAU 7 (F,G) S Dow 4-10-7 T Cuff (5) 3
10 140- TARDA 140J (D,F,G) Mrs M Reveley 6-10-4 L Donnelly (5) 22
11 2406 APPEALING TIMES 42 (G) D Chapman 4-10-4 Miss R Clark (5) 16
12 5446 MEDIA MESSENGER 31 (S) Denys Smith 4-10-3 Miss M Carson (5) 28
13 3880 BILL MOON 4 (C,D,F,G) P Felden 7-10-2 Miss J Felden 26
14 0103 PUSEY STREET BOY 13 (C,D,F,S) J Bosley 6-10-2 Mrs S Bosley (5) 9
15 3360 ANGELS ANSWER 20 (S) R Barr 4-10-0 R Barrett (5) 27
16 5580 PUBLIC WAY 18 (G) N Chamberlain 3-9-10 Miss C Metcalfe (5) 17
17 6000 JACK GRAY 13 J Spearing 5-9-9 Miss C Spearing (5) 21
18 5055 HERETICAL MISS 11 (G) R Hannon 3-9-8 Mrs J Boggis (5) 18
19 2326 OUR EDDIE 80 (V) B Gubby 4-9-6 Mrs M Busby (5) 30
20 5500 TRIBAT 13 D Morris 3-9-5 Mrs L Morris (5) 10
21 0300 LAZY RHYTHM 4 (D,G,S) J Eyre 7-9-3 Mrs C Hirst (5) 8
22 0/00- NOBBY 488J (D,F) B Beasley 7-9-2 R Hale 29
23 2104 THUNDERING 51 (D,F,S) A Jones 8-9-2 Miss Diana Jones 20
24 0000 KELLY'S KITE 27 (CD,F,G) H Collingridge 5-9-0 P Close (5) 14
25 6650 BREAKING HEARTS 27 A Stringer 3-9-0 D Parker (5) 24
26 0000 ROAR ON TOUR 49 (G) Mrs M Reveley 4-9-0 Miss A Yardley (5) 5
27 4000 SIE AMATO 6 (D,G) J Wilson 4-9-0 Mrs G Rees 19
28 3060 DANCING BOAT 32 J Harris 4-9-0 — 25
29 6130 BIDWEAYA 49 (D,F,G) J Eyre 6-9-0 Mrs A Farrell 1
30 0000 BRAVE MELODY 55 (G,S) J Wilson 7-9-0 Miss J Bond (5) 6

6-1 Pusey Street Boy, 13-2 Let's Get Lost, 7-1 Dancing Beau, 8-1 Mulciber, 10-1 Perdition, Thundering, 11-1 Mainly Me, 12-1 Jalcanto, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: D Loder, 3 winners from 4 runners, 75.0%; H Thomson Jones, 23 from 68, 33.8%; P Harris, 5 from 16, 31.3%; G Harwood, 10 from 35, 28.6%; J Hills, 11 from 44, 25.0%; A Scott, 4 from 17, 23.5%.

JOCKEYS: Darren Moffatt, 6 wins from 25 rides, 24.0%; Paul Eddery, 14 from 70, 20.0%; D Harrison, 4 from 20, 20.0%; S D Williams, 3 from 17, 17.6%; K Darley, 34 from 224, 15.2%; M Tebbutt, 5 from 35, 14.3%.

3.20 TATTERSALLS AUCTION SERIES NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £3,416: 6f) (12)

1 1526 ROXANIAN 36 (D,F) M Heaton-Ellis 9-8 A Munro 1
2 3263 BROCTUNE GOLD 13 (D,S) Mrs M Reveley 9-6 K Darley 4
3 2228 SINNERS REPRIEVE 34 (BF,G) M H Easterby 9-6 M Birch 12
4 5310 PRIMA SILK 16 (D,F) M Ryan 9-1 P McCabe (7) 6
5 3136 MONKEY MUSIC 37 (B,G) J Berry 8-9 J Carroll 2
6 4136 MISTER BEAT 34 (B,D,G) Jimmy FitzGerald 8-7 Paul Eddery 7
7 0024 MILLION LIGHTS 18 R Hannon 8-5 G Duffield 10
8 430 WHARFEDALE MUSIC 18 R Whitaker 7-11 Dale Gibson 3
9 000 UNCLE DOUG 18 Mrs M Reveley 7-10 J Fanning 11
10 0430 CHEERFUL GROOM 13 J Mackie 7-7 Darren Moffatt (5) 8
11 0403 DANTE'S RUBICON 31 J Bethell 7-7 D Wright (5) 5
12 0606 PORTITE SOPHIE 8 M Brittain 7-7 J Lowe 9

4-1 Broctune Gold, 9-2 Dante's Rubicon, 5-1 Sinners Reprieve, 7-1 others.

3.55 BRITISH GAS NORTHERN HANDICAP
(£5,554: 7f) (21)

1 -314 GIPSY FIDDLER 27 (V,F,G,S) J Glover 5-10-0 S D Williams (3) 11
2 0602 WATHIK 20 (B,D,F,G) H Thomson Jones 3-9-11 R Hills 21
3 2400 PIQUANT 25 (V,D,F,G,S) Lord Huntingdon 6-9-7 D Harrison 17
4 3402 MY BEST VALENTINE 20 (D,F,G) P Harris 3-9-5 F Norton 9
5 3240 SEA DEVIL 76 (C,F,S) M Camacho 7-9-4 N Connorton 15
6 0563 EURO FESTIVAL 10 (D,F,G) Miss L Siddall 4-9-2 P McCabe (7) 7
7 3380 BOLD ANGEL 13 (D,F,S) M H Easterby 6-8-13 M Birch 20
8 3300 THE SHARP BIDDER 21 (G) R Hollinshead 3-8-12 K Darley 1
9 6400 WILLSHE GAN 8 (B,C,D,F,S) Denys Smith 3-8-11 L Charnock 13
10 1000 PALLIUM 8 (F,G) M Naughton 5-8-11 V Halliday (7) 16
11 1320 CROIRE 27 (D,S) G Wragg 3-8-10 Paul Eddery 6
12 0406 SPANISH VERDICT 7 (CD,F,S) Denys Smith 6-8-10 C Teague (7) 14
13 2012 SUPER BENZ 13 (CD,F,G,S) B Beasley 7-8-6 A Munro 18
14 5604 AMADEUS AES 38 (V,D,F) D Morris 4-8-3 G Duffield 2
15 1400 RED FAN 37 (B,G) M Dods 3-8-3 J Lowe 5
16 1422 NORTH ARDAR 25 (D,F,G) M Johnston 3-8-2 J Weaver 3
17 3003 STATE FLYER 22 (V,G,S) G Oldroyd 5-8-0 R Price 4
18 4300 BOURSIN 20 (CD,F,G) P Calver 4-8-0 Dale Gibson 8
19 5-33 PRINCESS MAXINE 48 (G) Mrs M Reveley 4-7-11 J Fanning 12
20 1320 SCOFFERA 20 (F,G) N Tinkler 3-7-11 Kim Tinkler 10
21 1560 TUMBLING 22 (D,F) J Bethell 5-7-7 D Wright (5) 19

5-1 Amadeus Aes, 8-1 Euro Festival, 9-1 Wathik, Super Benz, 10-1 State Flyer, Princess Maxine, 11-1 Gipsy Fiddler, North Ardar, My Best Valentine, 12-1 others.

4.25 NEWBY MEDIAN AUCTION MAIDEN STAKES
(2-Y-O: £3,779: 7f) (16)

1 CASUAL WATER M H Easterby 9-0 M Birch 12
2 DALERIVER J Hanson 9-0 E Johnson 3
3 5 IN A MOMENT 51 S Norton 9-0 N Connorton 5
4 223 IN LIKE FLYNN 27 R Hannon 9-0 A Munro 10
5 JASDAN G Harwood 9-0 C Rutter 14
6 KAITAK J Carr 9-0 S Morris 7
7 523 KEFAHI 9 A Scott 9-0 R Hills 16
8 KINGS GAY D Loder 9-0 M Tebbutt 2
9 00 POLAR QUEST 25 M McCormack 9-0 A Clark 9
10 02 RORY 17 Mrs J Cecil 9-0 Paul Eddery 1
11 00 SIMPLY A SEQUEL 46 M Prescott 9-0 G Duffield 13
12 03 STOREY'S GATE 18 J Fanshawe 9-0 J Carroll 8
13 003 TOWER GREEN 25 Lady Herries 9-0 D Harrison 4
14 4324 MUMTAZ FLYPAST 9 (BF) Mrs M Reveley 8-9 K Darley 6
15 0 RISKY PRINCESS 9 N Bycroft 8-9 L Charnock 11
16 3 WALWORTH LADY 49 M Dods 8-9 S Webster 15

7-2 In Like Flynn, 4-1 Kefahl, 9-2 Mumtaz Flypast, 5-1 Rory, 7-1 others.

5.00 HORNSEA HANDICAP (£3,845: 6f) (22)

1 0450 DENSBEN 6 (CD,F,G,S) Denys Smith 9-10-0 N Connorton 17
2 -020 EASY LINE 56 (D,F,G,S) P Felden 10-10-0 G Duffield 10
3 6140 FINJAN 34 (CD,F) M Wane 6-9-13 J Weaver 1
4 3046 PETRACO 13 (D,G,S) N Smith 5-9-8 S D Williams (3) 9
5 0080 THE AUCTION BIDDER 4 (D,S) R Hollinshead 6-9-8 S Wynne (5) 13
6 315- CLASSIC STORM 391 (D,F,G,S) J Berry 3-9-6 J Carroll 5
7 4080 BLOW DRY 55 (C,S) P Calver 3-9-3 Dale Gibson 11
8 2533 HERE COMES A STAR 11 (BF,F,G) J Carr 5-9-3 W Woods 3
9 0850 PHARAOH'S DANCER 88 (D,G,S) M McCormack 6-9-0 A Clark 4
10 0420 LETSBEONESTABOUTIT 8 (B,CD,F,S) Mrs N Macauley 7-8-12 C Rutter 19
11 1540 PINE RIDGE LAD 41 (D,F,G) B Beasley 3-8-9 A Munro 16
12 5600 BLUE GRIT 8 (B,C,D,F,G,S) M Dods 7-8-7 J Lowe 20
13 5430 INVIGILATE 31 (CD,F,G) M Wane 4-8-3 K Darley 14
14 4123 SUPREME BOY 22 (D,F) P Harris 4-8-3 M Birch 22
15 0001 MISS ARAGON 21 (D,F,G) Miss L Siddall 5-8-1 D McCabe (5) 21
16 0140 KALAR 4 (B,F,G) D Chapman 4-8-1 S Wood 8
17 000- GLENCROFT 346 (B,C,D,F,G,S) D Chapman 9-7-10 J Fanning 6
18 3044 SPRING HIGH 22 (B,D,F,G) K Ivory 6-7-10 G Bardwell 12
19 1500 CRAIGIE BOY 21 (B,D,G) N Bycroft 3-7-7 L Charnock 2
20 0000 GREENWICH CHALLENGE 21 (V,G,S) C Smith 3-7-7 E Johnson 18
21 0041 BAYIN 20 (F) M Usher 4-7-7 R Street 15
22 0-00 MINIZEN MUSIC 8 (F) M Brittain 5-7-7 D Wright (5) 7

5-1 Bayin, 11-2 Supreme Boy, Spring High, 6-1 Here Comes A Star, 7-1 Miss Aragon, 10-1 Blow Dry, 12-1 Letsbeonestaboutit, Blue Grit, 14-1 others.

BLINKERED FIRST TIME: Ascot: 1.30 Qamoos, 3.05 Rock Symphony. Redcar: 3.20 Mister Beat, 5.00 Craigie Boy



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

ASCOT

BBC1

2.30: Tap On Air, a fast-improving filly with two wins from four outings, is an unknown quantity on softish ground. Gone For A Burton might have won with a clearer run at Newbury but Peter Makin's string is out of sorts. **Seek The Pearl** should appreciate the conditions being a daughter of Rainbow Quest and James Fanshawe's filly could offer value having appeared to show improved form on both her last two runs.

3.05: An impossibly tight sprint handicap. Call Me I'm Blue recorded a good time in his first all-aged race last time; the soft ground-loving Star Family Friend ran well in listed company a month ago, while Petersford Girl is not out of it. However, preference is for **Gorinsky**, who ran to his best behind Surprise Offer at Newbury last week.

3.35: Without A Flag broke his duck at Sandown last week but may appreciate stronger handling. Hillzah is well handicapped but has not won for two years, and **Canny Chronicle** appeals in a weak race. Mark Tompkins's runner, on a 15lb lower mark since his last win 13 months ago, returned to form at Beverley recently.

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Nap: MULTI NATIONAL
(4.40 Ascot)

Next best: Northern Bird
(4.05 Ascot)

ASCOT

THUNDERER

1.30 Mutamanni
2.00 Mutakddim
2.30 Seek The Pearl
3.05 Ashtina
3.35 Without A Flag
4.05 KATIBA (nap)
4.40 Multi National

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 3.35 Canny Chronicle. 4.05 CAMBARA (nap).

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT DRAW: 5F-1M STRAIGHT, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

1.30 SHADWELL ESTATES HANDICAP
(Private sweepstakes: 1m 2f) (6 runners)

101 (3) 400026 RAKIS 7 (B,S) (H Al-Maktoum) C Benstead 3-12-0 Peter Scudamore 92
102 (5) 54114 RAHIL 49 (BF,F) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-11-10 Bill Smith 90
103 (6) 015230 SAFIR 20 (D,F) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-11-7 Greville Starkey 93
104 (1) 5204 ADMIRAL'S WELL 17 (Shaikh Mohammed) J Gosden 3-11-4 Robin Gray 85
105 (4) 606225 MUTAMANNI 6 (H Al-Maktoum) W Hern 3-11-3 Brough Scott 95
106 (2) 302500 MOUNT FUJI 65 (Shaikh Mohammed) G Wragg 3-10-13 Wally Swinburn ◉

RESERVES

107 (-) 31400 QAMOOS 17 (B,S) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-10-12 Reserve 1 98
108 (-) 000105 INHITRAA 97 (S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-10-7 Reserve 2 85

BETTING: 11-4 Rahil, 7-2 Mutamanni, 5-1 Rakis, Safir, 6-1 Admiral's Well, Mount Fuji

1992: KITAAB 3-10-13 Brough Scott (9-1) A Stewart 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

RAKIS neck 2nd of 18 to Persansky in handicap at Kempton (1m, good) on penultimate start. RAHIL beat Azureus neck in 5-runner rated stakes race at Edinburgh (1m 3f, good to firm) on penultimate start. SAFIR 4½l 3rd of 9 to Rival Bid in handicap at Southwell (1m 2f, good) on penultimate start, with RAHIL (1lb worse off) ¾l 4th. ADMIRAL'S WELL 10l 4th of 13 to Count Of Flanders in maiden at Leicester (1m 2f, good to firm). MUTAMANNI neck 2nd of 7 to Harolden in rated stakes race at Nottingham (1m 2f, firm) on penultimate start. MOUNT FUJI about 13l 8th of 10 to Roca Murada in handicap at Yarmouth (7f, good).
Selection: MUTAMANNI

2.00 FORCES HELP SOCIETY STAKES (2-Y-O: £10,464: 7f) (8 runners)

201 (1) 5 AUGUSTAN 17 (Shaikh Mohammed) C Brittain 8-11 M Roberts 76
202 (4) 0 ENCORE SENOR 9 (M Tabor) N Callaghan 8-11 B Raymond —
203 (2) MAPENGO (A Speelman) G Harwood 8-11 M Hills —
204 (6) 2 MUTAKDDIM 20 (H Al-Maktoum) J Gosden 8-11 W Carson ◉
205 (5) RUN SOFTLY (K Abdulla) B Hills 8-11 Pat Eddery —
206 (8) STATELY HOME (T Shields, Mrs S Johnson) R Lee 8-11 J Williams —
207 (7) TRANSOM (J Cohn) G Harwood 8-11 M Perrett —
208 (3) 0 SUNDAY NEWS'N'ECHO 24 (F Kalla) P Kelleway 8-6 R Cochrane —

BETTING: 4-5 Mutakddim, 9-4 Run Softly, 7-1 Augustan, 10-1 Mapengo, 14-1 Sunday News'n'echo, 20-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

AUGUSTAN 5¼l 5th of 20 to Mytilene in maiden at Leicester (7f, good to firm). MAPENGO (Foaled February 22, cost 33,000 gns) Half-brother by Salse to 5f/6f juvenile winner Poncardin, dam sprinter. MUTAKDDIM 2½l 2nd of 13 to Overbury in a maiden at Haydock (7f, good to firm). SUNDAY NEWS'N'ECHO 14l 7th of 12 to Pampered Guest in maiden at Epsom (1m 114yd, good to firm). RUN SOFTLY (March 25). Half-brother by Deputy Minister to 7f winner Lakab and 1m 2f/1m 4f winner in France Berceau; dam 6f juvenile winner in Ireland. STATELY HOME (February 18, 7,000IRgns) Half-brother by Fools Holme to Blue Judge, very useful 1m winner and runner-up in the Derby, dam 1m 4f winner. TRANSOM (May 91, $350,000) Brother by Private Account to Classy Cathy, winner up to 1m 3f, dam unraced.
Selection: MUTAKDDIM (nap)

2.30 LORD ROBERTS WORKSHOP RATED HANDICAP BBC1
(3-Y-O: £7,689: 1m 2f) (8 runners)

301 (3) 01-3310 TOMOS 38 (G,S) (S Ali) D Morley 9-7 M Hills 89
302 (4) 311002 DARECLIFF 22 (D,F,G) (A Lamb) R Hannon 9-1 J Reid 91
303 (8) 312303 GONE FOR A BURTON 6 (D,F) (H Carrington) P Makin 8-12 Pat Eddery ◉
304 (2) 323822 AL SENAFI 17 (BF) (Sultan Mohammed) L Cumani 8-10 R Cochrane 94
305 (6) 20-2103 BLACK DRAGON 27 (D,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) B Hills 8-8 D Holland 94
306 (1) 214002 BLUE BLAZER 21 (G,S) (McHalapar Syndicate) B Hanbury 8-7 W Carson 94
307 (7) 041342 SEEK THE PEARL 10 (D,F) (Cheveley Park Stud) J Fanshawe 8-7 B Raymond 98
308 (5) 0051 TAP ON AIR 7 (D,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-7 (3ex) M Roberts 96

Long handicap: Blue Blazer 8-3, Seek The Pearl 8-2, Tap On Air 8-2

BETTING: 9-4 Gone For A Burton, 5-1 Seek The Pearl, Tap On Air, 7-1 Black Dragon, Blue Blazer, 8-1 Darecliff, 10-1 Al Senafi, 16-1 Tomos.

1992: MAJOR BUGLER 8-1 W Carson (10-1) G Balding 12 ran

FORM FOCUS

TOMOS beat Adjlan 1½l in 5-runner conditions race at Thirsk (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. DARECLIFF 1l 2nd of 5 to League Leader in handicap at York (1m 4f, good to firm). GONE FOR A BURTON 1l 3rd of 14 to Lindon Lime in handicap at Newbury (1m 2f, good to soft). AL SENAFI 2l 2nd of 11 to General Mouktar in handicap at Goodwood (1m 4f, good) on penultimate start. BLACK DRAGON 3l 3rd of 10 to Sharjah in handicap at Newmarket (1m 2f, good). BLUE BLAZER head 2nd of 14 to Dorazine in handicap at Haydock (1m 2f 120yd, good to firm). SEEK THE PEARL 5l 2nd of 8 to Forthwith in listed race at Yarmouth (1m 2f, good). TAP ON AIR beat No Comebacks 1½l in 11-runner handicap at Ayr (1m 3f, good to firm).
Selection: AL SENAFI

3.05 ARMY BENEVOLENT FUND HANDICAP BBC1
(£13,372: 5f) (11 runners)

401 (3) 5-04050 SPANIARDS CLOSE 7 (CD,G,S) (Avon Industries Ltd) P Makin 5-9-7 B Raymond 84
402 (5) 230112 GORINSKY 7 (D,F,G,S) (W Robertson) J Berry 5-8-13 Pat Eddery 99
403 (8) 165530 BOLD LEZ 16 (D,F,G,S) (Ansells of Watford) M Haynes 6-8-11 R Cochrane 98
404 (6) 132133 CALL ME I'M BLUE 16 (D,G,S) (Harsh (Tipping Gears)) N Tinkler 3-8-8 L Piggott 96
405 (1) 044006 STAR FAMILY FRIEND 28 (D,F,G,S) M Tompkins 3-8-7 P Robinson 90
406 (10) 022000 ASHTINA 25 (CD,F,G,S) (Ms S Joyner) R Hodges 8-8-7 J Quinn 92
407 (11) 350302 BORN TO BE 13 (D,F,G) (J Redmond) S Dow 4-8-7 M Roberts 84
408 (9) 435424 MISTERTOPOGIGO 18 (D,F) (G Alessi) B Beasley 3-8-5 W Carson 96
409 (2) 040034 ROCK SYMPHONY 3 (B,D,G) (Sir Anthony Page-Wood) A Scott 3-8-5 J Tate (5) ◉
410 (7) 011520 LOCH PATRICK 37 (CD,F,S) (Miss E Coller) L Holt 3-8-5 A McGlone 90
411 (4) 613454 PETERSFORD GIRL 7 (G) (T Peters) Miss J Doyle 3-8-5 J Reid 86

Long handicap: (Minimum weights: 4-Y-O+ 8-7, 3-Y-O 8-5) Ashtina 8-3, Born To Be 7-8, Mistertopogigo 8-4, Rock Symphony 8-3, Loch Patrick 8-2, Petersford Girl 7-8

BETTING: 7-2 Gorinsky, 5-1 Call Me I'm Blue, 6-1 Star Family Friend, 7-1 Bold Lez, 8-1 Mistertopogigo, 10-1 Ashtina, Loch Patrick, Spaniards Close, 14-1 Rock Symphony, 16-1 Born To Be, 20-1 Petersford Girl.

1992: SPANIARDS CLOSE 4-9-7 W R Swinburn (20-1) P Makin 19 ran

FORM FOCUS

GORINSKY 1l 2nd of 7 to Surprise Offer in a conditions race at Newbury (5f, good to soft), with PETERSFORD GIRL (7lb worse off) about ¾l 4th and SPANIARDS CLOSE (13lb worse off) 12½l 7th. CALL ME I'M BLUE 3½l 2nd of 18 to Amron in handicap at Doncaster (5f 140yd, soft) with MISTERTOPOGIGO (1lb worse off) short-head 4th and BOLD LEZ (1lb better off) 6¾l 10th. Earlier, beat LOCH PATRICK (2lb better off) 1l in 10-runner handicap at Goodwood (5f, good to soft). BORN TO BE neck 2nd of 22 to Ballasecret in handicap at Goodwood (6f, good to soft), with ROCK SYMPHONY (15lb better off) 8l 20th.
Selection: CALL ME I'M BLUE

3.35 EWAR STUD FARMS APPRENTICE HANDICAP BBC1
(£4,854: 1m 4f) (12 runners)

501 (11) 60-0103 SON OF SHARP SHOT 116 (BF,G) J Dunlop 3-9-10 T McLaughlin 92
502 (9) 6-50354 CANNY CHRONICLE 9 (CD,F,G,S) M Tompkins 5-9-9 S Mulvey 96
503 (1) 140302 EL VOLADOR 15 (D,F,G) (I Baker) R O'Sullivan 6-9-8 B Russell ◉
504 (6) 41-6040 LAMU LADY 68 (G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-9-6 Kate Dovey (7) 89
505 (4) 62-0523 JONSALAN 25 (A Ward) T Mills 3-9-2 C Hawksley 90
506 (5) 343243 HILLZAH 42 (D,F,G) (Mrs P Churm) R Bastiman 5-9-0 H Bastiman 93
507 (8) 603100 KISMETIM 10 (G) (The Kismetim Partnership) B Meehan 3-8-10 D O'Neill (5) 87
508 (2) 443201 WITHOUT A FLAG 10 (S) (R Cyzer) C Cyzer 3-8-8 (4ex) J D Smith 96
509 (10) 05/304- IVORS GUEST 178J (V) (Mrs E Hitchins) R Lee 7-8-6 D Griffiths (5) 90
510 (12) 010212 KIAWAH 25 (BF,F) (R Field) J Fanshawe 3-8-5 N Varley 92
511 (7) 045503 MON PETITNAMOUR 9 (S) (A Richards) K Cunningham-Brown 4-7-9 A Whelan (5) 95
512 (3) 210601 DR ZEVA 30 (D,F,G) (G Butterfield) M Dixon 7-7-9 Wendy Jones (5) 94

BETTING: 3-1 Without A Flag, 5-1 Canny Chronicle, Son Of Sharp Shot, 6-1 Kiawah, 8-1 others.

1992: BAR BILLIARDS 3-8-0 B Russell (6-1) S Lewis 6 ran

FORM FOCUS

CANNY CHRONICLE about 2¾l 4th of 13 to Maradonna in handicap at Beverley (1m 4f, good to soft). EL VOLADOR 1½l 3rd of 10 to Dancing Tralthee in handicap at Folkestone (1m 4f, good to firm). JONSALAN 3l 2nd of 5 to Contract Court in handicap at Goodwood (1m 2f, good). HILLZAH 4l 3rd of 11 to Green's Cassatt in apprentices' handicap at Haydock (1m 4f, soft). WITHOUT A FLAG beat Shergress 1½l in 20-runner handicap at Sandown (1m 2f, soft), with KISMETIM (4lb better off) 8l 8th. KIAWAH ½l 2nd of 15 to Ann Hill in seller at Warwick (1m 3f, good to firm). DR ZEVA beat Lookingforarainbow 1½l in 13-runner handicap at Brighton (1m 4f, good to firm).
Selection: WITHOUT A FLAG

4.05 ROSEMARY RATED HANDICAP
(Listed race: 3-Y-O fillies: £12,838: 1m str) (12 runners)

601 (5) 108102 MOON OVER MIAMI 15 (F,S) (B Ross) C James 9-7 L Piggott 93
602 (6) 2-11126 ANDROMAQUE 25 (CD,G,S) (C Stelling) R Charlton 9-4 R Cochrane ◉
603 (11) 350412 REINE DE NEIGE 17 (D,F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) A Scott 9-2 J Williams 96
604 (7) 2-1014 STELLA MYSTIKA 15 (D,F,G) (Shaikh Mohammed) L Cumani 9-2 R Cochrane 90
605 (1) 23-14 WOODWARDIA 142 (D,G) (K Abdulla) B Hills 9-1 Pat Eddery 89
606 (2) 535122 KATIBA 14 (F,S) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 9-0 W Carson 95
607 (9) 0311 CAMBARA 25 (D,F) (Shaikh Mohammed) M Stoute 8-11 M Roberts 97
608 (12) 211140 TAHDID 15 (D,F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 8-11 M Hills 96
609 (8) 31504 JETBEEAH 14 (D,G) (B Mussaban) J Fanshawe 8-11 B Raymond 97
610 (3) 561624 LACERTA 22 (F,G) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-10 J Reid 98
611 (4) 233214 TOCHAR BAN 27 (F) (D Elsworth) D Elsworth 8-9 T Quinn 90
612 (10) 561050 NORTHERN BIRD 25 (F,G,S) (J Bradley) B Hills 8-7 D Holland 98

Long handicap: Northern Bird 8-4.

BETTING: 4-1 Cambara, 5-1 Andromaque, 6-1 Katiba, Moon Over Miami, 8-1 Jetbeeah, Stella Mystika, 10-1 Reine De Neige, 12-1 Lacerta, Tochar Ban, Woodwardia, 16-1 Northern Bird, 20-1 Tahdid

1992: JDAAYEL 8-13 M Roberts (5-2 fav) A Stewart 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

MOON OVER MIAMI 5l 2nd of 7 to Arjuzah in listed race at Doncaster (7f, soft) with STELLA MYSTIKA (3lb better off) 2¼l 4th and TAHDID (6lb better off) 19l 7th. ANDROMAQUE ½l 2nd of 10 to Dana Springs in listed race at Salisbury (1m 3f, good to firm) on penultimate start. REINE DE NEIGE 1l 2nd of 12 to Lap Of Luxury in listed race at Sandown (1m, good to firm) on penultimate start with TAHDID (5lb better off) 2½l 4th and MOON OVER MIAMI (2lb worse off) 8l 8th. KATIBA 2½l 2nd of 4 to Aljan in conditions race at Doncaster (1m, soft) with JETBEEAH (3lb better off) 1¾l 4th. CAMBARA beat Jura Forest 3l in 9-runner handicap at Ripon (1m, good to firm) with NORTHERN BIRD (7lb better off) 6½l 8th. TOCHAR BAN beat Winter Forest head in 25-runner maiden at Windsor (1m 2f, good to firm) on penultimate start with REINE DE NEIGE (7lb worse off) 4½l 4th.
Selection: ANDROMAQUE

4.40 KENSINGTON PALACE STAKES (2-Y-O: £9,855: 5f) (7 runners)

1 (1) 011123 SELHURSTPARK FLYER 13 (D,F,S) (C Deuters) J Berry 9-3 W Carson 94
2 (4) 1 MULTI NATIONAL 9 (D,S) (L Mann) Mrs J Ramsden 8-13 K Fallon 79
3 (7) 16 SOLAR WAGON 33 (F) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 8-13 Pat Eddery ◉
4 (3) 505045 THORNY BISHOP 9 (V) (T Thom) J Bridger 8-11 S O'Gorman 67
5 (6) 63113 CRYSTAL MAGIC 22 (D,F) (D Sieff) R Hannon 8-10 J Reid 88
6 (2) 0 ALL THE JOYS 48 (Mrs G Goosemann) K Cunningham-Brown 8-6 J Williams —
7 (5) 35 LUANA 15 (S Manana) C Brittain 8-6 M Roberts 87

BETTING: 4-5 Solar Wagon, 7-2 Selhurstpark Flyer, 5-1 Multi National, 6-1 Crystal Magic, 12-1 others.

1992: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

FORM FOCUS

SELHURSTPARKFLYER 1¼l 3rd of 8 to Imperial Bailiwick in group II Flying Childers at Doncaster (5f, good to soft). MULTI NATIONAL beat Brike Grey 3½l in 21-runner maiden at Beverley (5f, good to soft). SOLAR WAGON 5l 6th of 8 to Coup De Genie in group I Prix Morny at Deauville (6f, good). CRYSTAL MAGIC 4¾l 3rd of 5 to Prophecy in conditions race at Salisbury (6f, good to firm). LUANA 27½l last of 5 to Hawajiss in group III May Hill Stakes at Doncaster (1m, soft). Earlier 3½l 3rd of 11 to Zama in maiden at Goodwood (7f, good).
Selection: SOLAR WAGON

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TRAINERS	Wins	Rnrs	%	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	%
C Cyzer	4	19	21.1	Pat Eddery	50	234	21.4
J Gosden	16	88	18.2	W Carson	28	234	12.0
G Wragg	12	66	18.2	M Roberts	24	236	10.2
R Charlton	6	34	17.6				
L Cumani	18	103	17.5				
P Makin	4	23	17.4	Only qualifiers			

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World tunes in as Europe awaits battle of Belfry

BY JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT

NOT everyone in golf is consumed by what is about to unfold on some former potato fields on the outskirts of Birmingham: the Ryder Cup. A roguish band of American amateurs recently arrived in Britain for golf — but to play at Macrihanish, that delectable course on the west coast of Scotland, not to watch it at The Belfry.

Earlier in the week, a team of Australasian players faced up to a team of Australasian caddies at cricket. "That's the story of the week, mate," Greg Turner, the New Zealander and brother of Glenn, said. "To hell with this Ryder Cup thing."

Tell that to the marines! Around 30,000 spectators each day since Monday have thought otherwise and nearly a thousand journalists have converged on The Belfry to report the thirtieth Ryder Cup, which starts at 8 o'clock this morning. BBC television will screen every hole of every match and its transmission will be be shown in 60 countries.

When Samuel Ryder, of the forbidding moustache and gruff voice, donated a trophy to be played for between the professional golfers of the United States and Britain, he could hardly have envisaged it would grow to the size of the event this year. As recently as ten years ago, the matches in the Ryder Cup at West Palm Beach were accompanied by few more than the one man and his dog.

This Ryder Cup is the most important there has been. Why? Let Severiano Ballesteros explain because, as Nick Faldo said: "Seve has been the major person in the Ryder Cup these past ten or 12 years." Ballesteros said: "We are playing for our national pride. We are playing for the supremacy of the game. It's the best competition in golf, including the majors. It brings more attention than any other competition."

At the start of the week, the Americans were favourites in my mind. At the end of the week, the Europeans have edged in front. Why? The Americans have too many team members who are not in good form. Only six of their team have won tournaments this year compared with ten of the European twelve. Of Europe's ten, seven have won more than once since January.

On the United States money list, only six Ryder Cup men are in the top 14 and nine in the top 25. John Cook is 49th, Lanny Wadkins 64th and Ray Floyd is, well, Floyd is 113th, virtually off the scale as he plays on the senior tour. As one American cynic put it, in a barbed reference to the shorter courses the seniors play on: "When was the last time Floyd used a long iron?"

Floyd, 51, will use a long iron over the next few days — many times. At nearly 7,200 yards, the Brabazon course is a long slog, the more so because of heavy rain. It is much longer than it was in both 1985 and 1989, for example. It has six par-fours of more than 420 yards and, at one of them, the famous 18th, not one of Corey Pavin, Lanny Wadkins, Jim Gallagher Jr and Chip Beck could get their second shots up to the top tier of this green where the flag was placed yesterday.

Floyd's contribution to the team may be greater in the dark moments of stress when all his innate competitiveness and experience will be invaluable than in the bright moments of success. At 51, the oldest man to play in a Ryder Cup, he will be lightly and strategically raced. Floyd is the soul of the American team, its heart as well, the only man on it to have been a captain as well as a player, the man around whom they will circle their wagons if they need to.

The man who fulfils this role for Europe is Ballesteros and it is him, his brooding, electrifying and stimulating presence, that has caused me to conclude that Europe will win by one point, 14½-13½, as the United States did at Kiawah Island two years ago.

One of the gratifying aspects of trekking around Europe these past few months has been watching the Spaniard inch his way back to some kind of form. In practice, he has been the impish *señor*, being applauded on to tees and off greens and receiving a rousing ovation when he was introduced at the black-tie gala dinner on Wednesday night. There came a perfect demonstration of the affection in which he is held on the 10th tee yesterday, when it was his turn to drive. He took an iron. Faldo led the crowd in a chorus of booing. "What club do you want Seve to play?" Faldo shouted, throwing Ballesteros's three wood at the Spaniard.

"Bet you miss the green," Faldo said. "If you do, it's the only appearance money you'll make all week." Ballesteros, ever the showman, responded with a grin and to cheers handed his iron to his caddie and went for the green instead. He missed and, when Faldo playfully darted at his back pocket to claim the bet, Ballesteros sprinted down the fairway.

It is for what Ballesteros brings to the European team and for the adoration he extracts from the spectators that he has such an important role. It is one he has fulfilled brilliantly this week and this is one, though not the only, reason why Europe have moved to a position of narrow favourites.

Another is that this team has strength all the way to the bottom. It is no longer the case that the captain has to send eight or nine men out again and again. "The European team used to have two or three weak players," Ballesteros said. "From best to No 12 is now pretty equal. Overall this must be our strongest team."

A third reason is that if there is anyone who is intimidating to another player it is Faldo and Ballesteros to an American rather than an American to a European, as has so often been the case. Mark James, who possesses a dry wit, put it thus with a face that was so straight it could have superglued: "The only thing that scares me about these American is the clothes they wear."

In practice, one of Ballesteros's tasks was to boost Olazábal's morale and he went at it with a will that puts one in mind of the Biblical quotation that Sam Ryder used when he broadcast to the Americans in 1931: "Whatsoever the hand findeth to do, do it with thy might."

Ballesteros put his hand to it with might. No matter that Fred Couples had just declared that Faldo was the best player in the world because "there is no course that can beat him. Nick is intimidating because he plays so well all the time. That's why he is the best in the world."

For the purposes of his exercise, Ballesteros named Olazábal as the world's best, the complete golfer. "He is young and straight. He is a good putter. He is cool, good under pressure. He is young and strong." Olazábal's mother might have baulked at such a statement but Ballesteros was trying to raise Olazábal's self-esteem. It was an important task and was only finished, like the team practice, just before the flag raising ceremony.

If Ballesteros has worked the oracle with Olazábal, and the two of them are as powerful a strike force as in previous Ryder Cups, then they will be the bedrock on which Europe's victory will be built. There are grounds for suggesting, however heretical it might seem, that their partnership is about to run its course and that its crumbling will be one reason why the Americans will win.

It was at the flag raising ceremony just after 4pm on an overcast afternoon that the two captains revealed their pairings for the opening foursomes today. Both played strong hands. Gallacher rested his four rookies, Watson trusted only one — Davis Love III — to this most demanding passage of play. In the end, how Gallacher marshals his rookies and how they cope under pressure, compared with how Watson marshals his and the way they perform, may be the single most significant factor in this Ryder Cup.

Intimidation, tactics and psychology have been the key words all week. Gallacher has not put a foot wrong, even managing to disagree with Watson's grudging statement that Faldo was one of the best players in the world in a way that could not offend. Watson's sole blemish was his gaffe in not signing his autograph on Sam Torrance's menu at the gala dinner — a mistake (his word) for which he graciously apologised several times.

In 1931, in that aforementioned broadcast, Sam Ryder said: "I look upon the Royal and Ancient game as being a powerful moral force that influences the best things in humanity. I trust the effect of this match will be to influence a cordial, friendly and peaceful feeling throughout the whole civilised world." One can only say: "Hear, hear."

Ballesteros: proud

Floyd: experienced

DETAILS

TODAY: Foursomes (European players first): 0800: S Torrance and M James v L Wadkins and C Pavin. 0815: I Woosnam and B Langer v P Azinger and P Stewart. 0830: S Ballesteros and J-M Olazábal v T Kite and D Love III. 0845: N Faldo and C Montgomerie v R Floyd and F Couples. Fourballs: Start at 1300 and continuing at 15-minute intervals until 1345.

TOMORROW: Foursomes: Start at 0800 and continuing at 15-minute intervals to 0845. Fourballs: Start at 1300 and continuing at 15-minute intervals until 1345.

SUNDAY: Singles: Start at 1115 and continuing at 15-minute intervals until 1400.

TELEVISION TIMES: Today: 0800-0900 (BBC2); 0905-1000 (BBC1); 1035-1245 (BBC1, with news at 1100 and 1200); 1415-1855 (BBC2, with news at 1500 and 1550); 0005-0045 (Highlights, BBC2). Tomorrow: 1030-1705 (BBC1, Ryder Cup Grandstand, golf scheduled at 1030-1220, 1255-1325, 1335-1400, 1410-1435, 1445-1515, 1535-1555, 1605-1640); 1640-1855 (BBC2); 0035-0115 (Highlights, BBC1) Sunday: 1200-1800 (BBC2, Ryder Cup Grandstand); 0040-0120 (Highlights, BBC1).

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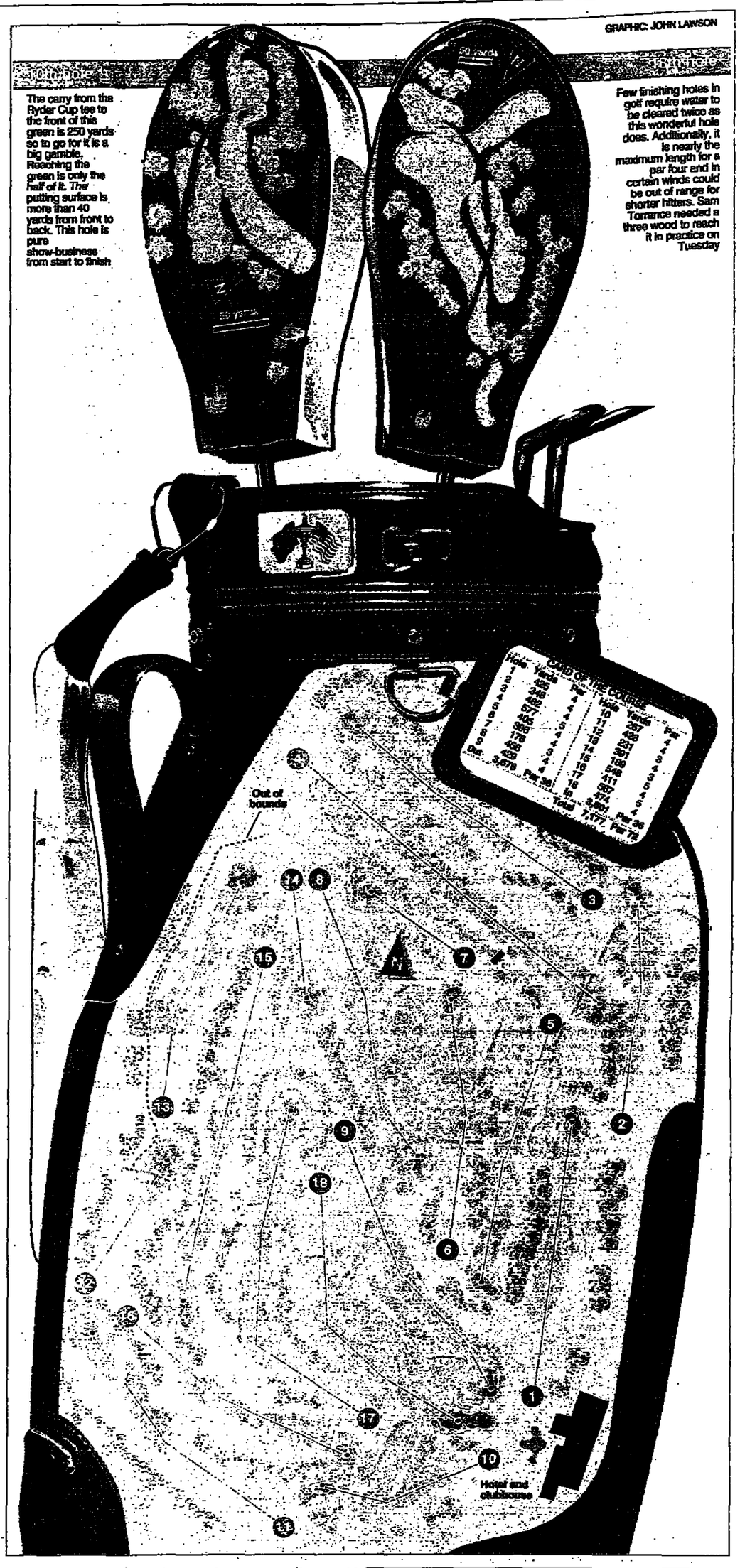
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When making a splash spells disaster

John Hopkins gets a designer's eye view of the two most discussed and testing holes on The Brabazon course

GRAPHIC: JOHN LAWSON



Dave Thomas steered the buggy back up the hill and, when it had nearly reached the tee of the famous tenth hole on the Brabazon course at The Belfry, he swung the steering wheel hard round so that he was looking back towards the green.

In the late summer sunlight, it could have been the scene of an oil painting. Four golfers were making their way down the fairway, pulling trollies behind them, their heads bowed in conversation. The sycamore tree that leans left at the front of the green, like a person in a queue looking to see what is going on ahead of him, appeared taller than its 60ft. The beeches, oaks and mountain ash trees nearby looked barely penetrable.

Thomas gazed at the hole he and Peter Alliss had designed more than 20 years ago and pointed to where the 11th tee now is. "That was where we were going to put the tenth green," Thomas said. "Then we thought about it a bit more and realised the attraction of putting the green over the water and making them play into it."

He turned around. "The original tee was way back there, over the path," he said, gesticulating back towards the eponymous hotel. "From there, it was a classic lay-up hole, a two-iron or four-wood from the tee and a wedge to the green. The green was never hit from that tee. But after a couple of years, they needed to enlarge the putting green and so the tee was moved to here. It was from here that Greg [Norman] and Seve [Ballesteros] drove the green. The hole was about 310 yards long and it was about 280 yards across the dog-leg."

The tee used this week is well forward of the one from which Norman and Ballesteros hit their heroic shots. It is, in fact, a ladies' tee but nobody is saying much about that because of the incongruity of having such distinguished players driving from such a tee.

"You've got the ultimate challenge here and that is the water," Thomas said. "Either you carry it or you don't. There are no two ways about it. It is a test of skill and courage. In matchplay, it's the ultimate psychological situation. You come off the ninth green one up, walk on to the tee, pull out your driver and smash it on to the green. Your opponent grimaces, decides he has to go for it himself, misses it and you're two up, thank you very much."

Thomas released the brake and the buggy began to chug off in the direction of the 18th tee, the start of one of the best finishing holes in European golf. As he drove, he smiled, as well he might. The 10th and 18th had assured his reputation as a course designer.

"Early on, there was a lot of talk about a championship course and signature holes and all that sort of thing," he said in a voice that is surprisingly soft for such a big man and, even more surprisingly, for one who has lived in Spain for decades, still has hints of his Welshness about it. "But in my view, it's not a championship course until it holds a championship. Then you see what happens and what people say."

Thomas stationed the buggy by the 18th tee and surveyed the view. Even he was surprised at the number of trees that had grown up on what had been potato fields not so many years ago. "When we designed the course, we knew we had to get the routing for the 18th back over the water. That was paramount. I think we did that all right, don't you?"

He looked over the water to the fairway beyond. "The secret if you're unsure of yourself is to block the shot out to the right," Thomas explained. "Of course, if you do that, you bring the water in for a second time. A properly hit tee shot will leave a three or four-iron and the water should not come into it."

At least it *should* not but such is the pressure in the Ryder Cup that Payne Stewart, Nick Faldo, Mark Calcavecchia, Paul Azinger and Ballesteros hit their balls into the water in 1989 as Andy North and Ray Floyd had done four years earlier.

The buggy rolled on slowly, past the slightly modified fairway bunkers, and pulled up short of the lake. We looked beyond it to the narrow green that is 180 feet from front to back. "The lake is dug out back towards the fairway," Thomas said. "I didn't want the water to be too near the front because that would have given the green a steep face and a ball could easily spin or roll back into the water. That would have been unfair. How would you have got back on from there? So there is some land between the lake and the green. There were only two tiers on the green once but then I added a third to drag the clubhouse in visually."

As golfers have found, to reach the putting surface in two strokes and then two-putt gives a feeling of euphoria that remains in the memory for ever. You have faced the challenge and beaten it. Did Thomas mind? "Not at all," he said, smiling. "Good luck to you. Well done."

HISTORY

1927: Worcester, Massachusetts. US bt GB, 9½-2½. Captains: US, W Hagen; GB, E Ray.
1929: Moortown: GB bt US, 7-5. Captains: GB, G Duncan; US, W Hagen
1931: Scioto, Ohio: US bt GB, 9-3. Captains: US, W Hagen; GB, C Whitcombe.
1933: Southport and Ainsdale. GB bt US, 6½-5½. Captains: GB, J H Taylor; US, W Hagen.
1935: Ridgewood, New Jersey: US bt GB, 9-3. Captains. US, W Hagen, GB, C Whitcombe.
1937: Southport and Ainsdale: GB lost to US, 4-8 Captains: GB, C Whitcombe; US, W Hagen.
1947: Portland, Oregon: US bt GB, 11-1. Captains: US, B Hogan; GB, H Cotton.
1949: Ganton: GB lost to US, 7-5. Captains: GB, C Whitcombe; US, B Hogan.
1951: Pinehurst, North Carolina: US bt GB, 9½-2½. Captains: US, S Snead; GB, A J Lacey.
1953: Wentworth: GB lost to US, 5½-6½. Captains: GB, H Cotton; US, L Mangrum.
1955: Thunderbird, California: US bt GB, 8-4. Captains: US, C Harbert; GB, D Rees.
1957: Lindrick: GB bt US, 7½-4½. Captains: GB, D Rees; US, J Burke.
1959: Eldorado, California: US bt GB, 8½-3½. Captains: US, S Snead; GB, D Rees.
1961: Royal Lytham: GB lost to US, 9½-14½. Captains: GB, D Rees; US, J Barber.
1963: Atlanta, Georgia: US bt GB, 23-9. Captains: US, A Palmer; GB, J Fallon.
1965: Royal Birkdale: GB lost to US, 12½-19½. Captains: GB, H Weetman; US, B Nelson.
1967: Houston, Texas: US bt GB, 23½-8½. Captains: US, B Hogan; GB, D Rees.
1969: Royal Birkdale: GB tied with US, 16-16. Captains: GB, E Brown; US, S Snead.
1971: St Louis, Missouri: US bt GB, 18½-13½. Captains: US, J Nicklaus; GB, E Brown.
1973: Muirfield: GB and Ire lost to US, 13-19. Captains: GB, B Hunt; US, J Burke.
1975: Laurel Valley, Pennsylvania: US bt GB and Ire, 21-11. Captains: US, A Palmer; GB and Ire, B Hunt.
1977: Royal Lytham: GB and Ire lost to US, 7½-12½. Captains: GB and Ire, B Huggett; US, D Finsterwald.
1979: Greenbrier, West Virginia: US bt Europe, 17-11. Captains: US, W Casper; Europe, J Jacobs.
1981: Walton Heath: Europe lost to US, 9½-18½. Captains: Europe, J Jacobs; US, D Marr.
1983: PGA National, Florida: US bt Europe, 14½-13½. Captains: US, J Nicklaus; Europe, A Jacklin.
1985: The Belfry: Europe bt US, 16½-11½. Captains: Europe, A Jacklin; US, L Trevino.
1987: Muirfield Village, Ohio: US lost to Europe, 13-15. Captains: US, J Nicklaus; Europe, A Jacklin.
1989: The Belfry: Europe tied with US, 14-14. Captains: Europe, A Jacklin; US, R Floyd.
1991: Kiawah Island, South Carolina: US bt Europe, 14½-13½. Captains: Europe, B Gallacher; US, D Stockton.

Overall series: US lead 22-5, with two ties.

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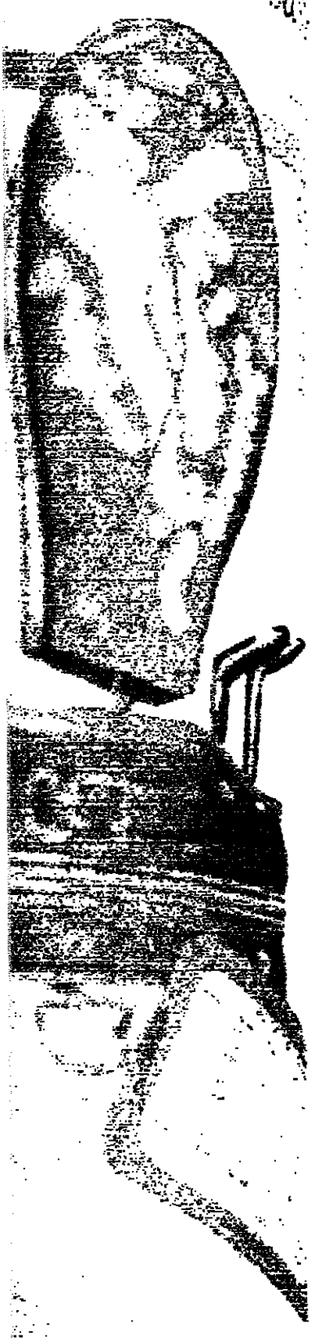
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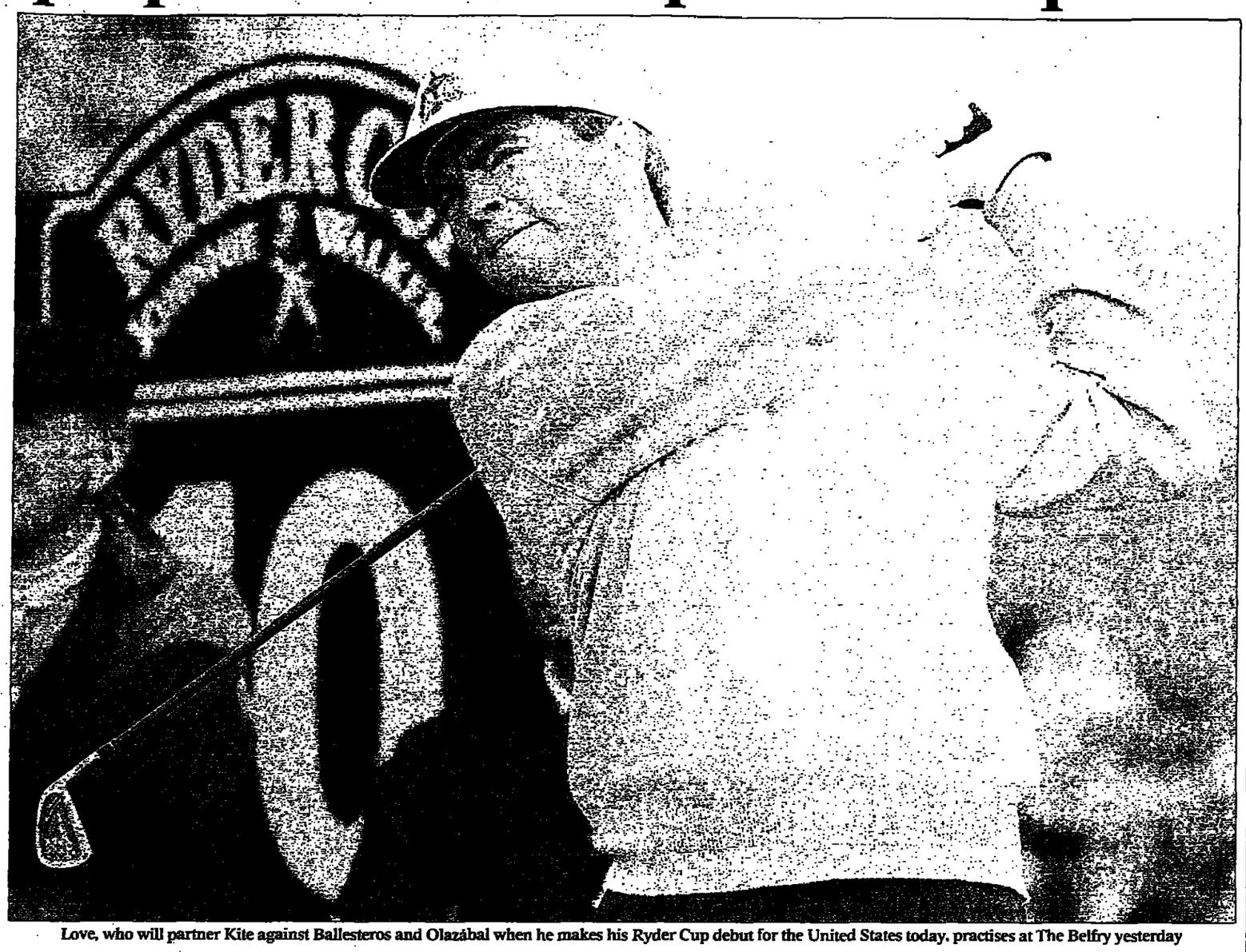
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Debutant faced with tough first match against experienced Europeans

Love prepares to make Spanish conquest

Patricia Davies meets the enigmatic American who will make his Ryder Cup debut today



Love, who will partner Kite against Ballesteros and Olazábal when he makes his Ryder Cup debut for the United States today, practises at The Belfry yesterday

JOSÉ MARÍA Olazábal left his mother at the edge of the putting green at The Belfry yesterday afternoon and went to work. No sooner had he settled himself over his first putt, however, than a long, lean figure towered over him, barely giving him room to swing, watching every move intently. It was Davis Love III, one half of the Spaniard's opposition in the opening foursomes this morning.

What was the American, a rookie at this exalted level, in fact the only rookie included in the opening shots, doing? Attempting to get his retaliation in first? Would there be a confrontation? Not a bit of it. Olazábal looked up and smiled, there were a few friendly words and Love loped away.

The big American is not the confrontational type. He is, by consensus, a nice guy, perhaps the nicest in the American team. He is competitive, of course, and he has a deep-seated desire to be the best player in the world, but he sees no need to be nasty about it. "We want to win this match as bad as anyone," he said, "but we also want to be friends with these guys. We have to see and play with these guys at the next international tournament and we don't want to carry a grudge against them."

Love, 29, who lives in Georgia, is courteous, and slow-talking. He hits the ball a long, long way — though not as far now as he used to in his younger days, when belting the ball miles mattered more than controlling it — and is capable of coping with The Belfry. In practice, even he needed to hit a three-iron after a good drive at the 18th, but once the adrenalin starts to flow, he might find himself flicking in a wedge.

Hugely talented, Love is, however, a bit of a golfing enigma. He has won lots of money — last year only Fred Couples won $1 million faster, as the two of them dominated the early season tournaments — but he has yet to win a major championship. He and Olazábal are lumbered with the unenviable tag of being the best players without a major victory to their name and Love has never come close. His record in the big events is curiously abysmal, but it is not for want of desire.

Earlier this year, when Johnny Miller made one of his now familiar "in my day" pronouncements, condemning the lack of ambition of the modern American player, Love was furious and rejected the criticism out of hand.

"Johnny Miller doesn't know us," he said, "and we want to win just as badly as he did. I want to be the best golfer in the world. I just don't shout about it all the time." He dearly wants to win the Open, for his father finished sixth behind Tony Jacklin at Lytham in 1969.

Not surprisingly, Love took quite a time to recover from the death of his father, who was also his teacher, in a aeroplane crash, in 1988. It threw him personally and professionally, but David Leadbetter, another teacher of note, though not of Love, thinks it is only a matter of time before he wins the major he craves. "He's a tremendously talented ball striker and he just has to develop the temperament to win a big one. Most players mature in their thirties, so he's got time."

Today, Love will be in the company of Tom Kite, his friend and mentor, in an event that could prove the making of him, just as it did Couples four years ago. Love's father asked Kite to keep an eye on his boy on tour, making sure he did the right thing and handled himself well. They play a lot together and their pairing was, Love said, "pretty much given".

Tom Watson, the United States captain, thought the match against Olazábal and Seve Ballesteros, Europe's hitherto virtually unbeatable, talismanic pairing, could be critical. "If we would win that match . . ." he said. "I've had a few words with Davis but of course he's not very relaxed. You can't be very relaxed going into your first Ryder Cup."

Kite has been coaxing Love, born with a solemn countenance, to smile more on the course over the years but it will not be something he will insist on this morning. He will settle for some serious hitting and a few good putts. The smiles can wait until later.

CUP FACTS

Those who have excelled

☐ MOST APPEARANCES: 10: Christy O'Connor (Ire), 1955-73. 9: Dai Rees (Wales), 1937-1961; 8. Billy Casper (US), 1961-75; Nick Faldo (Eng), 1977-91; 7: Sam Snead (US), 1937-59, Lanny Wadkins (US), 1977-91; Ray Floyd (US), 1969-91

☐ BIGGEST WINNING MARGINS: US: 23½-8½ (Houston, 1967); GB and Europe: 16½-11½ (The Belfry, 1985).

☐ BIGGEST WINS: Foursomes: US: Walter Hagen and Densmore Shute bt George Duncan and Arthur Havers, 10 and 9 in 1931 (36 holes); Ed Oliver and Lew Worsham bt Henry Cotton and Arthur Lees, 10 and 9 in 1947 (36 holes); Hale Irwin and Tom Kite bt Ken Brown and Des Smyth, 7 and 6 in 1979 (18 holes), Paul Azinger and Mark O'Meara bt Faldo and David Gilford, 7 and 6. GB and Europe: Aubrey Boomer and Charles Whitcombe bt Leo Diegel and Bill Mehlhorn, 7 and 5 in 1927 (36 holes), José-María Cañizares and José Rivero bt Kite and Calvin Peete, 7 and 5 in 1985 (18 holes).

☐ FOURBALLS (all 18 holes). US: Lee Trevino and Jerry Pate bt Faldo and Sam Torrance, 7 and 5 in 1981. GB and Europe: Smyth and Cañizares bt Bill Rogers and Bruce Lietzke, 6 and 5 in 1981; Severiano Ballesteros and José-María Olazábal bt Tom Watson and Mark O'Meara, 6 and 5 in 1989.

☐ SINGLES: US: Leo Diegel bt Abe Mitchell, 9 and 8 in 1929 (36 holes); Kite bt Howard Clark, 8 and 7 in 1989 (18 holes) GB and Europe: Duncan bt Hagen, 10 and 8 in 1929 (36 holes); Bernard Hunt bt Jerry Barber, 5 and 4 in 1961 (18 holes); O'Connor bt Frank Beard, 5 and 4 in 1969 (18 holes); Peter Dawson bt Don January, 5 and 4 in 1977 (18 holes); Bernhard Langer bt Hal Sutton, 5 and 4 in 1985 (18 holes).

☐ MOST WINS: US: 22: Arnold Palmer; 20: Casper; 18: Wadkins; 17: Jack Nicklaus and Trevino. GB and Europe: 17: Faldo and Ballesteros; 14: Peter Oosterhuis; 13: Bernard Gallacher and Tony Jacklin.

☐ MOST DEFEATS: US: 15: Floyd; 10: Casper and Wadkins; 9: Curtis Strange. GB and Europe: 21: Neil Coles and O'Connor; 16: Bernard Hunt; 15: Peter Alliss

☐ BEST PARTNERSHIP: Ballesteros and Olazábal (9 wins, 2 halves, 1 defeat).

☐ OLDEST PLAYERS: US: 49: Floyd (1991); GB and Europe: 50: Ted Ray (1927).

☐ YOUNGEST PLAYERS: US: 21: Horton Smith (1929), GB and Europe: 20: Faldo (1977).

RYDER CUP TEAMS

Europe

Peter Baker (Eng)
Age: 25
Ryder Cups: None.
Former golden boy who lost some of his lustre for a while, gullibly giving in to gurus. Always approachable, even in the bad times. Reduced to two gurus — one for swing, one for mind — and less confused now.

Severiano Ballesteros (Sp)
Age: 36
Ryder Cups: 1979, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91.
Record: P 30, W 17, H 5, L 8.
If you want a driven man, this is the one. Ballesteros is the universal golfing term for charismatic, his intensity religious in its fervour. Not a man to have against you. Intransigent, demanding, beguiling, magical. Quite simply, incomparable.

Nick Faldo (Eng)
Age: 36
Ryder Cups: 1977, 79, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91
Record: P 31, W 17, H 2, L 12.
Whispers that he was less than committed to the team at Kiawah Island hurt. He is determined to have a great Ryder Cup and when he is determined, stand back. Jaw set, eyes focused and shade at maximum, he will create havoc without even noticing.

Joakim Haeggman (Swe)
Age: 24.
Ryder Cups: None
Admirable command of Anglo-Saxon expletives. Personable, exuberant, confident. Wielded such a mean ice hockey stick he broke his own rib last year and missed six weeks' golf. A bit of a comedian, but has a solitary streak. Likes fishing.

Mark James (Eng)
Age: 39
Ryder Cups: 1977, 79, 81, 89, 91.
Record: P 19, W 7, H 1, L 11
Might have been an astronaut if he had not launched himself into space as a golfer. Youthful propensity for behaving badly — see Ryder Cup of 1979 — gradually submerged by natural humour and decency. Smart, funny, green-fingered. Good company.

Barry Lane (Eng)
Age: 33
Ryder Cups: None.
A quiet soul, one of life's nice guys. Fretted about being the only automatic selection not to win this year, but victory in Switzerland boosted his confidence. Modest. Took him time to believe in himself. Now concedes he is "more than just a reasonable player"

Bernhard Langer (Ger)
Age: 36
Ryder Cups: 1981, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91.
Record: P 25, W 11, H 5, L 9.
Nerves of steel, will of iron. Not as flamboyant as Ballesteros, but just as strong-willed. A devout Christian. The yips are just a trial to be overcome. Meticulous, unremittingly honest: a marvellous assessor of his own and other people's games.

Colin Montgomerie (Scot)
Age: 30
Ryder Cups: 1991.
Record: P 3, W 1, H 1, L 1.
A man of contrasts. May be tight-lipped or talkative, depending on his score. Can be very entertaining. Can be a sulk of cosmic proportions. No longer the baby of the family, however, since Olivia was born in March.

José María Olazábal (Sp)
Age: 27.
Ryder Cups: 1987, 89, 91.
Record: P 15, W 10, H 2, L 3.
Volcanic. A smaller, darker, Basque version of Montgomerie. Can be utterly charming or completely charmless. Has been out of sorts for months, but that will change this week. Why? Could you survive an unremitting barrage of Ballesteros unmoved? No way, José.

Costantino Rocca (It)
Age: 36.
Ryder Cups: None.
Amiable. Knows what real work is like. Good at playing in the dark because it was the only time he could practise after his shift in the polystyrene factory in the team on merit. Conscious that Italy, and Bergamo, expect.

Sam Torrance (Scot)
Age: 40.
Ryder Cups: 1981, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91.
Record: P 21, W 4, H 5, L 12.
Accident-prone autograph hunter. Somnambulist. Bruised sternum in his sleep at The Belfry last month, but 9s again. Great fun, but deadly serious about his golf, at last. Too old? Past it? May not hole the putt again, but will hole a few.

Ian Woosnam (Wales)
Age: 35
Ryder Cups: 1983, 85, 87, 89, 91.
Record: P 21, W 8, H 3, L 10.
Bubbling again. Saw Baker's shrink and it worked. Relaxed and full of fun, not narrow-eyed and suspicious, his head is on straight again. Makes the game look simple when playing well. About time he won his singles.

Bernard Gallacher (Scot)
Non-playing captain
Age: 44.
Ryder Cups: 1969, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81, 83
Record: P 31, W 13, H 5, L 13.
Urbane, civilised exterior, developed over years of coping with cosmopolitan clientele at Wentworth, a far cry from Bathgate, his birthplace. A decent soul, a stickler for doing the right thing, but a streetfighter, too. Detests losing.

United States

Paul Azinger
Age: 33.
Ryder Cups: 1989, 91.
Record: P 9, W 5, L 4.
A Christian and a nice guy, but the man most likely to cause an international incident, according to one American writer. Horrible looking game, but it works well. The heart of the team. Likes beating Spaniards named Ballesteros and Olazábal.

Chip Beck
Age: 37.
Ryder Cups: 1989, 91.
Record: P 7, W 4, H 1, L 2.
Somebody unkindly said he made Sandy Lyle look like a nuclear physicist, but his "crucible of humiliation" phrase was a classic. A happy soul, his rose-coloured view of life enrages grumps. Still thinks laying up at the 15th at Augusta was OK.

John Cook
Age: 35.
Ryder Cups: None.
An engaging guy, but not a happy taxpayer. Blew the 1992 Open and held up his hands and admitted it. Felt he would be a better player for it, which means he will be pretty damned good.

Fred Couples
Age: 33.
Ryder Cups: 1989, 91.
Record: P 7, W 3, H 1, L 3.
Ah, Freddie Goldweek, the American newspaper, called him "Mr Cool on the outside, but Mr Fried on the inside". He thinks golf can make you mental and he goes crazy inside sometimes. Otherwise, the game is pretty easy.

Ray Floyd
Age. 51.
Ryder Cups: 1969, 75, 77, 81, 83, 85, 91.
Record: P 27, W 9, H 3, L 15.
Big and mean. An ageing inferno. Do not play him for money and do not ask him to reminisce about the days when he managed a topless band. Has played in two matches since his stint as non-playing captain. Maybe mellower but positively not Mr Nice Guy.

Jim Gallagher Jr
Age: 32.
Ryder Cups: None.
Watched the match at Kiawah "with tears in my eyes and my fingernails gone" and knew the only thing he wanted was to be on the next team. The darkest of dark horses.

Lee Janzen
Age. 29.
Ryder Cups: None.
Perhaps a surprise as US Open champion so soon but a potential great. Jack Nicklaus and others say so. Composed, polite, a delight to deal with. All this and a good player, too.

Tom Kite
Age: 43.
Ryder Cups: 1979, 81, 83, 85, 87, 89.
Record: P 24, W 13, H 4, L 7.
A money-making machine, with over $8 million (about £5.3 million) in career earnings. Also a fearsome match-player, unbeaten in six singles. Not the man you want to play. However, the best form of his life came to an end in March when he hurt his back on a visit to Disneyworld. Wished the Ryder Cup had happened before then.

Davis Love III
Age: 29
Ryder Cups: None.
Another pleasant soul; perhaps the nicest guy on the team, according to those in the know. Hits the ball miles but record in majors is dismal. Wants to be the best there is and has the ammunition to do it. Explosion expected before too long.

Corey Pavin
Age: 33
Ryder Cups: 1991.
Record: P 3, W 1, L 2
Very religious, very intense. Hugely respected, almost revered, by his peers because he gets the absolute most out of not a lot. Not blessed with great natural ability but he works hard and can he chip and putt. Left the forage cap at home this time.

Payne Stewart
Age: 36
Ryder Cups: 1987, 89, 91.
Record: P 12, W 5, H 1, L 6.
Stylish swing, pity about the American football outfits. Gregarious, ever ready to whip out the mouth organ and join in a jam session. A party animal. Goes down very well at the Carnoustie Irish Open. A mean irregularity should not impair a stellar career.

Lanny Wadkins
Age: 43.
Ryder Cups: 1977, 79, 83, 85, 87, 89, 91.
Record: P 30, W 18, H 2, L 10.
Prickly character with a huge reputation as a competitor without parallel. Won US PGA championship, his only major victory, 16 years ago. That's a wonder. Could be pace of play has slowed down too much for his liking: loves to scorch around.

Tom Watson
Non-playing captain
Age. 44.
Ryder Cups: 1977, 81, 83, 89.
Record: P 15, W 10, H 1, L 4.
Five times Open champion. A dewy-eyed romantic when it comes to being captain of his country but no record like his was compiled without enough competitive fire to lay waste the Kansas prairies. Apologised unreservedly to Sam Torrance for his autograph gaffe. Looks you in the eye and will talk earnestly and long. A class act.



Gallacher: streetfighter



Haeggman: confident



Cook: engaging



Watson: romantic

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Wales will keep welcome for joyous Japanese



GERALD DAVIES
Rugby commentary

I SHOULD declare my interest. I have a warm spot for the Japan rugby team. Mind you, this affection may be the result of breath-taking vanity. Last summer, outside Eden Park in Auckland, awaiting the final match between the British Isles and the All Blacks, there stood a contingent of Japanese supporters who had flown in for the match. They searched for autographs and photographs. They talked effusively, with unrestrained and smiling zeal, about the game to come. *They knew their onions.*

But why should this swell the chest of a Welshman? Only that they, old and young, remembered Wales's tour to their country in 1975. Moreover, the leader of the group *rattled off, there and then,* without repetition or hesitation, the names of the players in the Welsh team who played in Osaka and Tokyo that year. From Windsor and Faulkner to Edwards and Bennett, he was without fault. That afternoon's Lions and All Blacks teams were a piffling matter.

It has to be recorded that I failed to reciprocate with their national team. There lies the difference. Once committed, their national disposition insists on their concern for detail.

Arriving on Sunday, the Japanese are back in Wales for a six-match tour. Their first *game is against a Wales A* team in Llanelli on Wednesday. It is ten years since their last tour and a further ten years before that for their first visit to Cardiff Arms Park. In 1975, Wales made their only trip to Japan. In this way, Wales can be said to have introduced them, as indeed they did with Fiji back in 1964 and Tonga in 1974, to the wider international arena.

They did much the same with Western Samoa, when New Zealand and Australia, for selfish reasons, had ignored them. To mention Western Samoa, no longer has quite the same relish — after all, it is they who forced Wales into having to qualify for the next World Cup — yet it remains one of sport's curiosities that these countries should have been drawn towards rugby. The claustrophobic scrum and maul do not take easily to sun and heat.

Japan retain enduring fascination. They exude such an undiluted enthusiasm for rugby. Of all teams, they are the *most open-hearted and it is a* love that is not rooted in success. If Wales could score 56 points in Osaka and 82 in Tokyo, this did not diminish their enthusiasm. Not even when a New Zealand XV *accumulated 106 points in* 1987. They survived these results with their exuberance as indefatigable as ever.

This tenacity was rewarded in 1983, when the margin against Wales closed to 29-24, and they beat Scotland 28-24 in 1989. Yet they remain on the edge of things; perseverance and pluckiness never being quite enough.

There is much that can be *learned from them. If the likes* of Fiji and Western Samoa retain a more formidable reputation and find occasionally that they can dent the good name of illustrious opponents, particularly in sevens, they *have inherited doubtful habits* from others. Japan play their rugby with the refreshing innocence and pleasure of the kindergarten, whereas other emerging countries, for all their spontaneous delight, acquired the more cynical values of the scamps or bully boys of the secondary school yard.

If street wisdom does not characterise Japan's play, discipline, under Shiggy Konno, long-time president, does. Where is the Japanese player who has been sent off? When has Japan's honour, on the rugby field, been tarnished?

We can admire their meticulous application against most of the odds. Their stature does not lend itself comfortably to rugby. While they can apply the principles of mechanics to the scrum and where they return moderate success, the *lineout is a perennial problem.* They are destined to be disadvantaged by their genes.

Yet, even here, they have mastered a few techniques which ensure, through variety, that they are not totally overwhelmed. *Would that the* countries of these islands were as assiduous as Japan. I look forward to their visit. Even in adversity, they may show us a thing or two. They have done so in the past.

Hill facing conflict of loyalties in Portugal

FROM OLIVER HOLT IN ESTORIL

A BOLDER, braver Damon Hill last night warned Frank Williams that he may disobey team orders in the Portuguese grand prix here on Sunday in the pursuit of his outside *chance of snatching the driv*ers' world championship from his Williams-Renault team-mate, Alain Prost.

Emboldened by three successive victories, loath to abandon the title when even *the slightest hope remains, the* 33-year-old Englishman says he is torn between the prospect of individual glory and his duty to the team.

His future may also be at stake. Williams has made it plain both that no decision will be made on who partners Prost next season until the championship is settled and that he would like to see it decided as soon as possible. With Prost 23 points ahead, it is clear where his priorities lie.

"It is an extraordinary situation for me," Hill said, blinking in the sunshine at this track in the hills near Sintra. "I have upset the script by doing as well as I have done. *This was not in the story-line.*

"It is conceivable that I would disobey team orders. I would suggest you watch the race very carefully to that end. I have been doing a lot of tossing and turning in my sleep and I am trying to consider what is the best move. It is a bit of a world chess championship position."

At the beginning of August, it seemed that Prost would have claimed his fourth world championship before the European season ended here, and the Formula One circus moved on to Japan and Australia.

But then Hill claimed his maiden victory in Hungary on August 15, won again in Spa, *Belgium, with Prost third, and* then capitalised on the Frenchman's engine failure at Monza a fortnight ago to steal a third victory. He must now win two races, finish at least third in the other and hope Prost has a series of pointless outings to *win the title.*

He knows his chances of wresting the championship from his team-mate are slim and that to disobey Williams could harm his chances of retaining his prized drive next season, especially as Ayrton Senna is lurking in the wings. Yesterday, Hill wrestled only with the conflict between the cavalier spirit embodied by his late father, Graham, and his responsibilities to the team.

"I am in a Catch-22 situation," he said. "If I take a pawn here in Estoril, I might lose the game. But the history of motor racing seems to suggest to me that it is the most selfish drivers who are the most successful.

"In England, everybody has been saying to me, 'You can go on and win it now' and I really *want to do it for them. I know I* only have an outside chance, especially when you consider Alain's record, but my attitude has always been that if I have got a chance, then go full steam for it and take it.

"*My problem is that there* are implications in that. There are a lot of considerations and some of them concern the team. I am thinking about my career, and I want to be in the best position next year, and *hopefully with a more realistic* chance of winning the championship.

"When the season started, nobody expected I would do so well, so in a way I have achieved what I set out to do. But I do not want to rest on my laurels, especially here, where I carried out so many miles of testing for Williams last *winter.*"

Hill's dilemma seems likely to overshadow the welcome re-emergence of the Finn, Mika Hakkinen, for McLaren here in the wake of Michael Andretti's departure from the team last week.

Hakkinen, 24, one of the sport's brightest prospects after his season with Lotus in 1992, *has spent most of the* year as Formula One's highest- paid test driver after Senna's belated decision to race this year deprived him of a drive.

"It's not been frustrating for me at all," Hakkinen said yesterday. "I have learnt a lot about the car. There will definitely be pressure on me *on Sunday, but I am just* happy to be racing again."



Hill: three victories

Pulling power attracts warring factions



FREUD ON FRIDAY

There are sound reasons for staging a European championship at Minehead. The town has an impeccable civil rights record, a nearby Butlin's holiday camp provides diversions for the competitors' nearest and dearest, the weather is benign and the natives are friendly.

On the debit side, it is 25 miles from the nearest railway station and, coming by road from Taunton, you encounter a three-mile queue of vehicles between Washford and Dunster waiting at roadwork lights that allow a couple of dozen cars to file by every two minutes.

Yesterday was by common consent ideal pulling weather: overcast and not too hot for this strenuous sport and the terrain was soft enough to afford footholds, also soft enough to reduce the *Minehead AFC groundsman* to tears ... though in the Hire of Venue for tug of war contract, there is financial provision for "reinstatement of ground" — this looked as if a platoon of moles had indulged in synchronised underground swimming.

Two thousand contests take part over the four days. Twelve national flags flutter from the grandstand and, around the recreation ground, one encounters Dutchmen with hooters, Swiss with cowbells, surly Welshmen, grim Scots, *gemütliche* Germans, *extrovert Channel Islanders,* introvert Ulstermen, a smattering of bemused debutant Israelis and three men whose tracksuit jackets bore the legend *Frantzilla and Berri — erritegien* — and could have come from anywhere.

Teams consist of eight pullers, a coach and a medicine man who massages limbs, *carries a small cauldron of* resin and a blowtorch to warm this sufficiently to rub on the contestants' hands.

Resin stops the rope from slipping. Resinous hands and one's weight inscribed in marking ink on the thigh is the hallmark of a tug of war contestant, or someone wanting to be mistaken for one.

Judges are the kingpins of the contest. The judge wears a peaked cap, holds a whistle in his mouth, stands with feet apart either side of the centre mark but sufficiently away from it to afford complete supervision of both teams by moving his eyes rather than his head.

Pick up the rope, says he: *take the strain. Then, when he* is sure the centre of the rope is over the mark on the ground, "pull". Both teams attempt to pull their opponents the four metres required for victory within the rules of the contest.

In the event of infringements, the judge issues a caution — initially, by calling "first caution" and pointing a *single finger at the offending* team. Then, "final caution" (two fingers), whereafter, for a further offence, he blows his whistle to signify disqualification.

In the comprehensive handbook of the Tug of War Association, Section 11, infringements are lettered from (a) to (m): thou shalt not sit — *without returning immediate*ly to the pulling position; thou shalt not lean so that you touch the ground. Propping the rope, climbing it (passing it through the hands), rowing (sitting while moving feet backwards) or making indents before the command to take the strain are punished "as is any conduct by word or *act that is likely to bring the* sport into disrepute", which is why the air is full of Monica Seles-like grunts and nowhere do you hear bad words such as damn or bum.

Day one of the European championships involves the 520kg women and 560kg and 680kg men's teams, the latter being 88st in old money.

The teams come on, pick up the rope, strain, pull, grunt, grimace, heave, gain, concede and then one or other receives the winners' whistle and they change ends.

Each contest is over three pulls. The winners of the eight groups contest the quarter-finals and so on to the gold, silver and bronze.

*After each contest, the win*ning team walks past the vanquished, each shaking each other's hand, and this is followed by three modulated hip-hips from both sides.

In the Sixties and Seventies, Wood Treatment (Bosley) Ltd, of Cheshire, walked away with every prize that was not nailed to the ground. No *more. As with post-Liverpool* football, the sport is open again. Killylough, of Ireland, British Aircraft Corporation and GNR, a Cornish club, are distinctly useful.

After a few bouts, you notice that the winners are those standing at 45 degrees to the ground, like tent-pegs, while the losers' angle is more acute.

The cafeteria serves hot sausage sandwiches for 50p, which are good and marvellously inexpensive, also 50p cups of tea — not nearly as good value.

A coconut shy is there for old time's sake and a hurdy-gurdy just in case the walk to Butlin's proves too far for the men and women in their *bespoke boots* that have smooth soles and metal heels.



A Swiss women's team tugs for victory yesterday. Photograph: Tim Cuff

SPORT IN BRIEF

New captain plays himself into office

LORD Griffiths made British sporting history yesterday when he was installed as the new captain of the Royal and *Ancient* Golf Club at St Andrews. He is the first man to hold the post while also president of MCC. Lord Griffiths played himself into office in traditional fashion by driving the first ball on the final day of the club's Autumn medal, the stroke being accompanied by a single blast from a *cannon* standing alongside the first tee.

The ball was returned by a local man, Bob Webster, who *has been caddying at St Andrews for the past 30 years, and he* received a gold sovereign from the new captain as his reward. Hugh Griffiths was commissioned in the Welsh Guards in 1942 and awarded the Military Cross in 1944. At Cambridge University, he won blues for both golf and cricket. *A member* of the Royal and Ancient since 1981 — he is also a member of the Sunningdale club as well as Shanklin and Sandown — he *was appointed as a Lord of Appeal in Ordinary in 1985 and is* a privy counsellor.

St Helens confident

RUGBY LEAGUE: St Helens were confident of a successful *sortie into the transfer market last night. They were hoping* to sign Andy Dannatt, 27, the former Great Britain prop forward, from Hull, after the club's earlier failures to capture Scott Gibbs from rugby union and Peter Jackson, the Australian international three-quarter (*Christopher Irvine* writes). Dannatt made the last of his three international appearances against France in 1991, but has not played this season. He is listed at £150,000 by Hull and the fee will probably be decided by an independent tribunal.

Widnes field only six of the side beaten by Wigan in the Challenge Cup final last May in tonight's Stones Bitter *Championship match at Central Park. Wigan are reinforced* by the return of Shaun Edwards at scrum half and Gary Connolly will make his long-awaited debut after his return from Australia.

McManus breaks spell

SNOOKER: Alan McManus became the first Scottish player to win a match in the Regal Masters for three years when he beat Dennis Taylor 5-2 in the first round of the event *at Motherwell yesterday (Phil Yates writes). Since Stephen* Hendry beat Terry Griffiths 10-6 in the 1990 final, local players have suffered nothing but disappointment. Although Taylor won the first frame, McManus then took control. In the quarter-final, he will play Neal Foulds, the holder. "It's good for the public here that one of us has won a match. It keeps the interest going," he said.

Le Moignan on course

SQUASH: Martine Le Moignan, 30, the former women's world champion, yesterday advanced to the semi-finals of the world open championship in Johannesburg by defeating *Suzanne Horner 9-0, 5-9, 9-7, 10-8 in a 50-minute all-English* semi-final. However, Cassandra Jackman, the English champion, lost 8-10, 1-9, 9-1, 10-8, 9-6 in 58 minutes to Sabine Schone, of Germany. For Le Moignan, the semi-final place provides further hope of a second world title to add to her 1989 win before she withdraws from the international circuit this year.

British rivals clash

CYCLING: Chris Boardman and Graeme Obree, the British rivals, will compete against each other in the Bordeaux six-day race from November 10 to 15, Thierry Lacarriere, the event's organiser, said yesterday. "We have signed a contract with the two athletes guaranteeing their presence," he said. Boardman, the Olympic pursuit champion and one-hour world record-holder, and Obree, who devised a revolutionary *bike and riding style to take the pursuit world championship* title and the 4km world record, have both turned professional and are two of the biggest cycling draws in France.

Henman moves on

***TENNIS:** Tim Henman, of Oxford, continued his successful* run at the LTA men's satellite tournamennt in Sheffield with a convincing 6-2, 6-4 victory over the top seed, Miles Maclagan, from Scotland, yesterday. Henman, who produced the best form of his career, is joined in the semi-finals by Jeffrey Hunter, from Surrey, who beat Jason Sher, of South Africa. Danny Sapsford was defeated by Steven *Herdoiza, from the United States, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. In the women's* event, Virgina Humphreys-Davies reached the semi-finals by beating Caroline Herbert 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

Coutts regains lead

YACHTING: Eddie Warden-Owen, of England, finished the third day of the world match racing championship in Perth, Australia, in third place yesterday. In near-perfect conditions, the champion, Russell Coutts, of New Zealand, regained the *lead, after 11 wins from 14 races, having beaten Bertrand* Pace, of France, by one second. The overnight leader, Ed Beard, from the United States, is second with ten wins, ahead of Warden-Owen, on nine. Chris Law, of England, is eighth. Seven skippers have a chance of making the semi-finals tomorrow.

Marshall beaten

SQUASH: Peter Marshall, the England No 1, bowed out of *the Dubai Classic in the quarter-finals when he was beaten* 15-9, 15-13, 15-9 by Rodney Eyles, of Australia. Marshall, 22, from Nottingham, who is ranked world No 5 and one place above his opponent, started well and took a 3-0 lead in the opening game. But Eyles then played brilliantly to book a semi-final place against Rodney Martin, also from Australia. Phil Whitlock, from Manchester, defeated Angus Kirkland, of Brighton, the surprise player of the tournament, 15-14, 15-13, 15-2 to reach the last four.

Bracken to compete against Hill

BY DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

KYRAN Bracken, the Bristol and England A scrum half, has been named in the South and South-West divisional training squad, having opted for them in preference to the North. He finds himself amid a clutch of three Bath scrum halves, headed by Richard Hill, so long the first choice for the division. The other two are Marcus Olson and Simon Johnson.

The South-West, divisional champions last season, open against the Midlands on October 16 and play the North a week later before their encounter with the New Zealanders at Redruth. Bracken must surely be perceived as first choice by the selectors *and will benefit playing along*side the experienced Stuart Barnes, the divisional captain.

The vexed question of eligibility must be balanced by the benefits to individual players. Craig Millhouse, who has *won a place in Northampton's* back row this season, is one of four open-side flankers in the South-West squad of 48, but may be no better than third choice behind Andy Robinson and Derek Eves. However, the *Midlands, for whom he is also* eligible, may be able to offer him a game on November 6.

When it comes to representative rugby, players are obliged to make minute calculations to discern where best to play. The South-West are making inquiries into Eric Peters's availability, now that *the former Cambridge Univ*ersity captain has joined Bath. Peters, a No 8 or blind-side flanker, was impressive as both captain and player on the Oxbridge tour to South Africa.

☐ Norman Hadley, the Cana*dian international lock who is* qualifying for Wasps, has been chosen by the Barbarians for their match against Exeter on Tuesday as replacement for the injured Scotland international, Andy Reed. *Cameron Glasgow moves* from wing to stand-off half to replace Eric Elwood, who has broken ribs. John Sleightholme, of Wakefield, takes Glasgow's place.

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Business as usual despite new look

BY ALEX RAMSAY

THE women's national hockey league, which starts on Sunday, may have a new look and a new format, but it is likely to be business as usual when the honours are handed out next April.

The competition has been extended from 22 to 24 clubs, split into three smaller divisions of eight teams, but by *reducing the size of the pre*mier division from 12 clubs to eight, the All-England Women's Hockey Association has created a greater gulf between the top clubs and the rest.

With only one team to be *promoted and relegated, it* gives little opportunity for the lower divisions to gain experience against the leading players. The league will be played on a home and away basis, but, again, with fewer clubs, it increases the playing schedule by only three games. Most clubs are happy with the prospect of two meetings with each opponent, but Jane Sixsmith, of Sutton Coldfield, still has reservations about the system.

"In the premier division, it will be the same few players *playing each other every* week," she said. "I can't see any relegated team staying down for more than one season and any club coming up is going to get hammered."

Ipswich, the title-holders, *have bolstered their back line* with two new defenders and a reserve goalkeeper, but they have decided not to re-appoint Toby Mullins as coach after one trial season last year. His place will be taken by Helen Bray.

Slough, who have won the title three times in the last four years, have solved some of their personnel problems, topping up their sparsely-populated team-sheet with Kate White, Kate Scott and Anna Bennett.

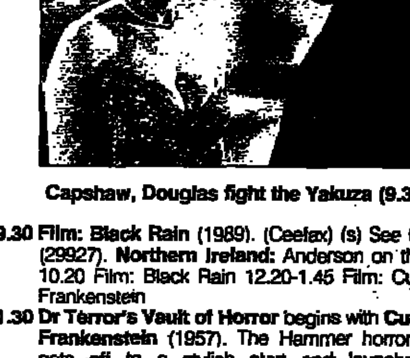
Sutton Coldfield have only *the league on which to* concentrate. For the first time in several seasons, they have added to their squad, bringing in Helen Wally from Colwall, Helen North from Ealing and Helen Atkinson from *Hightown.*

Yet Karen Brown's tip for the championship is Hightown. Efficient, consistent and driven by the determination of Maggie Souyave, their player coach, they have their eyes fixed firmly on the league, the cup and the European indoor championships.

☐ Joyce Whitehead, who was women's hockey correspondent of *The Times* for nearly 30 years, has died after a long illness. She was 77. Whitehead was involved with *hockey* for most of her life, captaining Leicestershire after the second world war and playing for the *Midlands and* England A. She was editor of *Hockey Field* and was one of the instigators of bringing coachloads of school children to Wembley for the international match each year. The funeral will take place St George's Church, Kencot on Tuesday, September 28.

BBC1

6.00 Business Breakfast (91095)
7.00 Breakfast News (33289279)
9.05 Golf: Ryder Cup. Live coverage from the Belfry of the opening foursomes (5669183)
10.00 News (Ceefax), regional news and weather (1401182) **10.05 Playdays** (s) (7288057) **10.30 Bunyip** Animation (r) (1684540)
10.35 Golf: The Ryder Cup. The closing holes of the opening foursomes. Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **11.00** and **12.00** (99536434)
12.45 Holiday Outings. Jill Dando takes a two-week package trip to India (69943453) **12.55 Regional News** and weather (29362892)
1.00 One O'Clock News with Edward Stourton. (Ceefax) Weather (11786)
1.30 Neighbours (Ceefax) (s) (61802453) **1.50 Going For Gold**. The dapper Henry Kelly with another round of the general knowledge quiz with European contestants (s) (61813569)
2.15 Racing From Ascot. The 2.30, 3.05 and 3.35 races (s) (779182)
3.50 Philbert the Frog. The first of a new cartoon series (4612453) **3.55 The Little Green Planet Show**. Puppet adventures (s) (3691231) **4.10 The Animals Of Farthing Wood** (r). (Ceefax) (s) (8279057) **4.35 Record Breakers**. A new series presented by Roy Castle, Cheryl Baker and Kriss Akabusi. (Ceefax) (s) (1050231)
5.00 Newsround (5270144) **5.10 Grange Hill**. Episode four (r). (Ceefax) (s) (2235057)
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (498637). **Northern Ireland:** Inside Ulster
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. (Ceefax) Weather (811)
6.30 Regional News Magazines (163). **Northern Ireland:** Neighbours
7.00 Every Second Counts. Against-the-clock game show hosted by Paul Daniels (s) (4182). **Wales:** Index 1900
7.30 Tomorrow's World. News from Kenya of scientific research into fighting plagues of locusts, and a report from Arizona where the eight inhabitants of Biosphere II prepare to leave their enclosed world for the first time in two years. (Ceefax) (s) (347)
8.00 Bruce Forsyth's Generation Game. Game show for family couples. (Ceefax) (s) (8231)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Regional news and weather (7873)



Capshaw, Douglas fight the Yakuza (9.30pm)

9.30 Film: Black Rain (1989). (Ceefax) (s) See Choice (29927). **Northern Ireland:** Anderson on the Box 10.20 Film: Black Rain 12.20-1.45 Film: Curse of Frankenstein
11.30 Dr Terror's Vault of Horror begins with **Curse Of Frankenstein** (1957). The Hammer horror cycle gets off to a stylish start and launches the partnership of Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee. As Baron Frankenstein awaits execution for the murder of his wife he tries to convince his jailers that it was his half-human creation who was responsible. Directed by Terence Fisher (350328)
12.55am Film: Blood Of Dracula (1957, b/w) starring Sandra Harrison. Routine American horror in which a schoolgirl comes under the evil influence of her chemistry teacher. Directed by Herbert L Strock (7153767)
2.05 Weather (8653922)

BBC2

6.45 Open University: Maths Methods · Waves (2953386) **7.10** Database Developments (4954927) **7.35** Maths: Modelling Pollution (3446569)
8.00 Golf: The Ryder Cup. Steve Rider introduces action in the opening foursomes from the Belfry. Continues on BBC1 (98057)
9.00 Daytime on Two: Lernexpress (4545927) **9.15** Italianissimo (2899960) **9.30** Inside English (3328618) **9.45** Watch (s) (6021521) **10.00** Look and Read (5243786) **10.20** Around Scotland: The Clearances (7621892) **10.40** Over the Moon (2299601) **10.55** Science Challenge (s) (3008279) **11.15** English Express (7686811) **11.35** Seeing Through Science (s) (8788618) **12.00** English File (97057) **12.30** Scene. *Trafford Tanzi* (s) (48279) **1.00** Short Circuit (s) (60881434) **1.20** Fingermouse (77484347) **1.35** PC Pinkerton (52500960) **1.40** English Time (61891347)
2.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (60215434) **2.05 Words and Pictures** (97787565)
2.15 Golf: The Ryder Cup. Steve Rider introduces live coverage of the fourball matches. Includes **News** (Ceefax) and weather at **3.00** and **3.50** (64903732)
6.55 The Man From UNCLE. Vintage tongue-in-cheek secret agent series starring Robert Vaughn and David McCallum (r). (Ceefax) (638705)
7.45 What the Papers Say with Joanna Coles of *The Guardian* (786250)
8.00 East: South Africa – an Indian Experience. The first of two films tracing the story of the first 100 years of the Indian presence in Africa. (Ceefax) (s) (8144)



Freida Brown shows off her garden (8.30pm)

8.30 An Englishwoman's Garden. (Ceefax) See Choice (7279)
9.00 The Look: Runway. A look behind the scenes of the fashion industry (r) (541521)
9.50 Animated Arias. The first of a six-part showcase for Europe's leading animators interpreting famous operatic arias. This week, *Vesti la giubba* from *Pagliacci* is sung by Franco Corelli in Ken Lidster's film and the voice of Nicolai Gedda is heard in Monique Renaults *La Donna e mobile* from *Rigoletto* (s) (466705)
10.00 KYTV. Comedy series set in a satellite television company (s) (98786)
10.30 Newsnight presented by Jeremy Paxman. (Ceefax) (107453)
11.15 That Was the Week That Was (b/w). Highlights from David Frost's satirical hit of the 1960s (966328)
12.00 Weather (4867767)
12.05am Golf: The Ryder Cup. Highlights of the day's play (1570583)
12.45 Rock Docs: 2nd House – The Who. Pete Townsend in a 1974 interview with Melvyn Bragg followed by concert footage from *The Who at Charlton* (r) (7839767). Ends at **1.40**

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CHOICE

An Englishwoman's Garden: Open Days
BBC2, 8.30pm

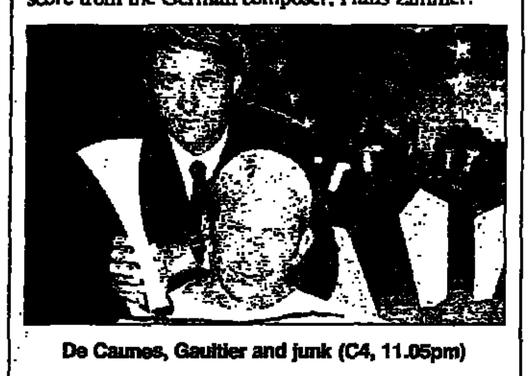
A new series on gardening eschews the usual aim of showing us how to do it and concentrates on the practitioners. The novelty is that all are women and most are amateurs. Tonight's quartet, from London and Leeds, are bravely opening their gardens to the public for charity. Diana Ross insists bluntly that she will admit no dogs and offer no teas, but the visitors come all the same. For Jeane Rankin, who suffers from arthritis and has designed her garden accordingly, it is a chance to have company and exchange green-fingered wisdom. She also admits to showing off. The most surprising garden belongs to a Leeds council house. It has been on television before and the tenant, Freida Brown, is not slow to exploit the fact.

Missing
ITV, 9.00pm

Alastair Stewart and Fiona Foster host a three-part series, which is similar in format to *Crimewatch* and *Crime Monthly* except that the public's help is being sought not to catch criminals but to trace missing persons. Since some quarter of a million people disappear in Britain each year there is no shortage of material. The cases are portrayed through dramatised reconstruction and there are telephone lines for those able to offer information. As with the crime programmes, *Missing* will seek to rebut accusations of voyeurism by pointing to its part in successful resolutions. The omens are good. A pilot programme screened in December led to the reunion of a wife with her missing husband within 24 hours.

Black Rain
BBC1, 9.30pm

John Birt's assertion that British television is the least violent in the world may be tested by this thriller from the British director Ridley Scott, though it has been toned down for the small screen. In any case the brutality is arguably less objectionable than the morality of obsessive revenge. Michael Douglas plays a volatile and subversive New York cop who goes to Japan to recapture a prisoner who has escaped from his charge. He finds an ally in a night club hostess (Kate Capshaw) but the culture is alien and the mob is rough. Scott, who made *Blade Runner* and *Someone to Watch Over Me*, packages a hackneyed plot with his customary visual flamboyance and a heavy rock score from the German composer, Hans Zimmer.



De Caunes, Gaultier and junk (C4, 11.05pm)

Eurotrash
Channel 4, 11.05pm

Fashion, food, music and sex feature in a flippant look at the junkier aspects of European culture, hosted by Antoine de Caunes of *Rapido* and the French fashion designer, Jean-Paul Gaultier. At least most of it is flippant, taking its cue from the laugh-a-minute presenters and the garish Paris studio set from which they operate. A typical item is about a woman who videos her own plastic surgery operations and sells the offcuts. Madonna is the startled recipient of part of a nose. And, in a tilt at EuroDisney, a chap turns up at the theme park dressed as a Smurf. The Disney heavies are not amused. After this sort of thing it is incongruous for the show to offer a completely serious treatment of a film about Aids. **Peter Waymark**

ITV LONDON

6.00 GMTV. Early morning news and entertainment. The guests include Meg Ryan and Alexander O'Neal (4957340)
9.25 Supermarket Sweep Game show set in a supermarket (s) (1734231) **9.55 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (7297705)
10.00 The Time ... The Place ... Topical discussion series chaired by John Stapleton (s) (8524057)
10.35 This Morning Weekday family magazine presented by Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley (38105601) **12.20 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (8576231)
12.30 ITN Lunchtime News with Dermot Murnaghan and Julia Somerville. (Teletext) Weather (2538811)
12.55 Coronation Street A repeat of Wednesday's episode. (Teletext) (2513502) **1.25 Home and Away** Australian family drama. (Teletext) (66477637) **1.55 A Country Practice**. Medical drama set in the Australian outback (61807908)
2.20 News headlines (60222724) **2.25 London Today** (Teletext) and weather (60221095)
2.30 Capital Woman Anneka Rice, Stephen Gardner and Shyama Perera with advice for the city woman (s) (250) **3.00 The Young Doctors** Drama series set in an Australian city hospital (4569)
3.30 Alphabet Castle (s) (3616540) **3.40 Tots TV** (s) (5643219) **3.50 Scooby Doo** (3748683) **4.00 Astro Farm** (r) (Teletext) (s) (8458989) **4.15 The Legends Of Treasure Island** (s) (8296724) **4.40 Knightmare** (1194231)
5.10 Home and Away (r). (Teletext) (2723908)
5.40 Early Evening News with John Suchet (Teletext) Weather (330273)
6.00 London Tonight. (Teletext) (43724)
7.00 Family Fortunes. Game show hosted by Les Dennis (9250)

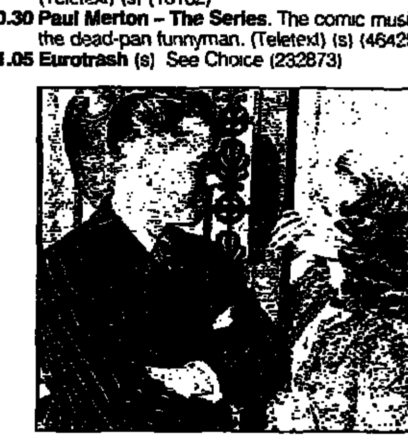


Bryan Mosley, as Alf, makes his bid (7.30pm)

7.30 Coronation Street. Alf (Bryan Mosley) is at the auction to watch the house being sold when another property comes under the hammer. Will he be able to resist? (Teletext) (415)
8.00 You Bet! Matthew Kelly presents the celebrity charity challenge series (s) (3927)
9.00 Missing (Teletext) See Choice (3163)
10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Teletext) Weather (18540) **10.30 London Tonight** (Teletext) and weather (965569)
10.40 The London Programme Special: Class of 92 Update. The seven school leavers from Greenwich interviewed 12 months ago talk about their experiences of employment during the past year (203076)
11.40 Dial Midnight. Phone-in lonely hearts, comedy, music and discussion (s) (344182)
12.40am Tour of Duty. Vietnam war drama series (r) (7827922)
1.35 The ITV Chart Show (s) (6962477)
2.35 Whale On. Music and argument dominated by James Whale (2762)
3.35 The Big Bull The first of a new series in which young people discuss topical subjects (35245458)
3.40 TXT. Celebrity chat and music show, introduced by Rhona Cameron (9950090)
4.30 Cinema, Cinema, Cinema. The latest American film releases reviewed (41767)
5.00 Riviera. French drama serial (96729)
5.30 ITN Morning News with Tim Neilson (21800)

CHANNEL 4

6.30 Heathcliff. Animated adventures of a crafty cat (2580927) **6.45 Wowser**. Canine cartoon series (4039618)
7.00 The Big Breakfast presented by Chris Evans and Gaby Roslin (34637)
9.00 You Bet Your Life. Game show hosted by Bill Cosby (s) (30219)
9.30 Schools (589415)
12.00 Profiles of Nature: The Grouse Family. Tom Sterling, a cinematographer from Jackson, Michigan, spent five years studying grouse and their colourful lives (15453)
12.30 Sesame Street (r) (54521) **1.30 The Bluffers**. Animation (r) (61895163)
1.50 Home Concert For Three Fools. A cartoon from Bulgaria about a chauvinistic husband who gets his come-uppance (52512705)
2.00 Film: Beat The Devil (1953, b/w) starring Humphrey Bogart, Jennifer Jones, Gina Lollabrigida and Robert Morley. Cult comedy thriller written by Truman Capote and John Huston about a group of unlikely criminals involved in a rash of double-crossings concerning land in Africa thought to contain uranium. With Peter Lorre. Directed by John Huston (317231)
3.40 The Blenheim International Highlights of one of the world's leading equestrian events, introduced by John Francome with Lucinda Murray (3487076)
4.30 Countdown. Richard Whiteley with another round of the words and numbers game. (Teletext) (s) (328)
5.00 Vets In The Wild. A repeat of Monday's last in the series celebrating the work of Dr Barklay Hastings (Teletext) (6163)
6.00 Hangin' With Mr Cooper. American comedy series starring Mark Curry, Holly Robinson and Dawnn Lewis (Teletext) (s) (521)
6.30 Happy Days. Nostalgic comedy set in 1950s Milwaukee. Starring Henry Winkler. (Teletext) (873)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. (Teletext) Weather (417434)
7.50 First Reaction. Tony Parsons believes Madonna's *The Girlie Show*, which opens tomorrow at Wembley, will mark the beginning of the end of her career (s) (751322)
8.00 Class Action The third of eight programmes investigating the latest educational controversies. (Teletext) (6540)
8.30 Brookside. Topical soap set in a suburban Merseyside close. (Teletext) (s) (2347)
9.00 Garden Club. Roy Lancaster, Rebecca Pow and Matthew Biggs meet green-fingered enthusiasts in Bolton. (Teletext) (3811)
9.30 Cheers. Comedy about the eccentric patrons and staff of a Boston bar (r) (Teletext) (46811)
10.00 Nurses. Black comedy set in a Miami hospital (Teletext) (s) (16182)
10.30 Paul Merton – The Series. The comic musings of the dead-pan funnyman. (Teletext) (s) (464250)
11.05 Eurotrash (s) See Choice (232873)



Ford and Hayworth in love triangle (11.40pm)

11.40 Film: Gilda (1946, b/w) starring Rita Hayworth, Glenn Ford and George Macready. Seductive drama from the *Love Goddesses* season with Hayworth as the temptress who discovers her wealthy casino-owner husband has her former lover working for him. Directed by Charles Vidor (775434)
1.40am Trash Talk (r) (2584380). Ends at **2.10**

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and **MW. 4.00am** Bruno Brookes (**FM** only) **6.00** Mark Goodier **9.00** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Jakki Brambles **3.00** Steve Wright in the Afternoon **6.00** News 93 **6.30** Pete Tong's Essential Selection **9.00** Friday Rock Show **11.00** John Peel (**FM** only from 12.00) **2.00-4.00am** Lynn Parsons (**FM** only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. **5.00am** Sarah Kennedy **6.15** Pause for Thought **7.05** Wake Up to Wogan **9.15** Pause for Thought **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.30** Jimmy Young **2.00pm** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Ed Stewart **5.05** Chris Stuart **7.00** My Music **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night. See Choice **9.30** Listen to the Band **10.00** Radio 2 Arts Programme **12.05am** Digby Fairweather **1.00** Adrian Finighan **4.00-5.00** Colin Berry

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service **6.30** Danny Baker Morning Edition **9.00** For Schools: Primary Geography. Castries, St Lucia **9.15** Playtime **9.30** Music Box **9.45** Something to Think About: Infant Assemblies **10.00** Music Workshop: Music Course 3 **10.25** The Ryder Cup **1.00pm** News Update **1.10** BFBS Worldwide **2.30** The Ryder Cup **6.30** Dr Who **7.15** Pigeon Summer **7.30** Popcall **8.30** Euroma **9.30** Hair in the Gate **10.10-12.00** Rave

WORLD SERVICE

All times in **BST. 4.30am** BBC English **4.45** News and Press Review in German **5.00** Morgenmagazin; Tips für Touristen **5.30** Off the Shelf: *Jean de Florette* **5.45** Folk Routes **6.00** News **6.30** Europe Today **7.00** News **7.10** News About Britain **7.15** The World Today **7.30** Meridian **8.00** Newsdesk **8.30** The Water of Life **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** Music Review **10.00** News **10.05** World Business Report **10.15** Global Concerns **10.30** On the Move **10.45** Sports Roundup **11.00** News **11.01** Focus on Faith **11.30** BBC English **11.45** Mittagsmagazin **11.59** Business Update **Noon** Newsdesk **12.30pm** Meridian **1.00** News **1.10** Words of Faith **1.15** The Water of Life **1.45** Sports Roundup **2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** Outlook **3.30** Off the Shelf: *Jean de Florette* **3.45** Global Concerns **4.00** News **4.15** BBC English **4.30** Heute Aktuell **5.00** News **5.10** News About Britain **5.15** BBC English **6.00** News **6.05** World Business Report **6.15** The World Today **6.30** Heute Aktuell **7.05** German Features **8.00** News **8.05** Outlook **8.30** Europe Today **9.00** News **9.10** Words of Faith **9.15** The World Today **9.30** Science in Action **10.00** Newshour **11.00** News **11.10** News About Britain **11.15** People and Politics **11.45** Sports Roundup **Midnight** News **12.05am** World Business Report **12.15** Worldbrief **12.30** Multitrack 3 **1.00** Newsdesk **1.30** From the Weeklies **1.45** Recording of the Week **2.00** News **2.05** Outlook **2.30** Short Story: Speaking of Bunty **2.45** Jazz Now and Then **3.00** Newsdesk **3.30** People and Politics **4.00** News **4.10** News About Britain **4.15** Sports Roundup

CLASSIC FM

6.00am Nick Bailey **9.00** Henry Kelly **12.00** Susannah Simons **2.00pm** Lunchtime Concerto: Arthur Benjamin (Oboe Concerto in C minor) **3.00** Petroc Trelawny **6.00** Classic Reports with guest Willard White **7.00** Classic Verdict **8.00** Evening Concert: Vladimir Ashkenazy conducts Dvořák (Serenade for Strings in E: Cleveland Orchestra; Sibelius (Symphony No 2 in D: Boston Symphony Orchestra) **10.00** Sarah Ward **1.00-6.00am** Robert Booth

VIRGIN 1215

6.00am Russ and Jono **10.00** Richard Skinner **1.00pm** Kevin Greening **4.00** Tommy Vance **7.00** Emperor Rosko **9.00** Nick Abbot **2.00-6.00** Sandy Beech

VARIATIONS

ANGLIA

As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61807908) **2.30-3.00** A Little Piece Of Heaven (250) **5.10-5.40** Gardening Time (2723908) **6.00** Home And Away (880960) **6.25-7.00** Anglia News (746163) **10.30** Anglia News (949521) **10.45** Film: Codename: Wildgeese (56880144) **12.35am** Beyond Reality (8813125) **1.05** Whale On (7544038) **2.05** Raw Power (7066800) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (2419274) **4.00** Get Wet (65496) **4.30** Riviera (41767) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (96729)

CENTRAL

As London except: 1.55-2.20 Shortland Street (61807908) **2.30** Material World (250) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (4569) **5.10-5.40** Movies, Games And Videos (2723908) **6.00** Home And Away (880960) **6.25-7.00** Central News (746163) **10.30** Central News (8525507) **10.40** Central Weekend (8524878) **12.10am** Secret Of The Sahara (2008767) **1.15** Whale On (479477) **2.15** The Beat (460729) **3.15** Entertainment U.K. (2415458) **4.10** Jobfinder (7520800) **5.20-5.30** Asian Eye (1046274)

GRANADA

As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61807908) **2.30** An Invitation To Remember (8299540) **3.00-3.30** Take The High Road (4569) **5.10-5.40** The Munsters Today (2723908) **6.00** Home And Away (279) **6.30** Granada Tonight (185298) **6.55-7.00** Manchester Live (917873) **10.30** Granada News (219892) **10.35** Manchester Live (957540) **10.45** Beverly Hills 90210 (212724) **11.40** War Of The Worlds (239811) **12.30am** Love And War (8204125) **1.05** Whale On (7544038) **2.05** Raw Power (7066800) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (2419274) **4.00** Get Wet (65496) **4.30** Riviera (82375187) **4.55-5.30** Jobfinder (8119212)

HTV WEST

As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61807908) **2.30-3.30** Life Goes On (26960) **6.00** HTV News & Weather (279) **6.30-7.00** HTV Sportsweek (231) **10.30** HTV News & Weather (965569) **10.40** Film: Sharing Richard (66106328) **12.25am** The Twilight Zone (7708381) **1.05** Whale On (7544038) **2.05** Raw Power (7066800) **3.05** Entertainment U.K. (2419274) **4.00** Get Wet (65496) **4.30** Riviera (41767) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (96729)

HTV WALES

As HTV WEST except: 6.00 Wales At Six (279) **6.30-7.00** Get Going (231) **10.30-10.40** HTV Wales Headlines (965569)

MERIDIAN

As London except: 2.30 Take The High Road (250) **3.00-3.30** Shortland Street (4569) **6.00-7.00** Meridian Tonight (43724) **10.30** Meridian News & Weather (965569) **10.40** Married...With Children (423892) **11.10** Film: The Valdez Horses (888347) **12.55am** Whale On (7148835) **2.05** Cinema, Cinema, Cinema (8776899) **2.35** Raw Power (6490903) **3.35** Cue The Music (3884361) **4.30** The Art Of The Landscape (41767) **5.00-5.30** Freescreen (8304)

TYNE TEES

As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61807908) **2.40-3.30** Murder, She Wrote (1374827) **5.58** Tyne Tees Today (490347) **6.30-7.00** Up Country (231) **10.30** Tyne Tees News (965569) **10.40** Conference Express (423892) **11.10** Film: Liar's Moon (918927) **1.05am** Whale On (7544038) **2.05** The Big E (7158635) **3.00** Film: The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty (32380) **5.00** Get Wet (4939835) **5.25-5.30** Get Stuffed! (5679941)

WESTCOUNTRY

As London except: 1.55-2.20 The Sullivans (61807908) **2.30** Gardener's Diary (250) **3.00-3.30** A Country Practice (4569) **6.00-7.00** Westcountry Live (43724) **10.30** Westcountry Latest (965569) **10.40** Beverly Hills 90210 (213453) **11.35** Love And War (174415) **12.05am** The War Of The Worlds (6091380) **1.00** My Story (5418274) **1.05** Whale On (7544038) **2.05** Raw Power (7066800) **3.05** Entertainment U K (2419274) **4.00** Get Wet (65496) **4.30** Riviera (41767) **5.00-5.30** Jobfinder (96729)

YORKSHIRE

As London except: 1.55-2.20 A Country Practice (61807908) **2.40-3.30** Murder, She Wrote (1374827) **5.55** Calendar (490347) **6.30-7.00** Parish Pump (231) **10.30** Calendar News (965569) **10.40** Married...With Children (423892) **11.10** Film: Liar's Moon (Matt Dillon, Cindy Fisher, Christopher Connelly) (918927) **1.05am** Whale On (7544038) **2.05** The Big E (7158635) **3.00** Film. The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty (Danny Kaye, Boris Karloff, Virginia Mayo) (32380) **5.00** Get Wet (4939835) **5.25-5.30** Get Stuffed! (5679941)

S4C

Starts: 7.00am The Big Breakfast (34637) **9.00** You Bet Your Life (30219) **9.30** Schools (589415) **12.00pm** High 5 (15453) **12.30** Slot Meithrin (33347) **1.00** Sesame Street (21502) **2.00** Class Action (3076) **2.30** Film: Girl In The News (6134095) **3.50** Gustav Looks For A Job (5548665) **4.00** Slot 23 (4927) **5.00** Trash Talk (4328) **5.30** Countdown (908) **6.00** News (901927) **6.20** Heno (736786) **7.00** Pobol Y Cwm (7892) **7.30** Cnapan '93 (84786) **8.30** Newyddion (2347) **9.00** Concertol (1705) **10.00** Brookside (16182) **10.30** Paul Merton (464250) **11.05** Eurotrash (232873) **11.40** Film: Gilda (775434)

RADIO 3

6.35am Open University: Women and Comedy The Way She Tells 'Em **6.55** Weather
7.00 On Air: Andrew McGregor presents Corelli (Trio Sonata in G, Op 1 No 9); Mussorgsky (A Night on the Bare Mountain); Purcell (Ritornello and Chorus, Fly Bold Rebellion); Moeran (Overture for a Masque); Ravel (Alborado del gracioso); Beethoven (Clarinet Trio in B flat, Op 11)
9.00 Composer of the Week: Puccini. Edward Downes talks to James Naughtie about *Turandot*
10.00 Morning Sequence: Bach, arr Elgar (Fantasia and Fugue in C minor); Elgar, arr Lemare (Pomp and Circumstance March No 1 in D); Gibbons (In Nomine a 5); Tchaikovsky (Variations on a Rococo Theme, Op 33, original version); Mozart (Serenata Notturna, K239); Ravel (La Valse); Elgar (Symphony No 2 in E flat)
12.00 Two Italians and a German in London (r)
1.00pm News
1.05 Chamber Music from Manchester: Pianist Ronan O'Hora performs Schubert (Two Scherzi, D593); Brahms (Piano Sonata No 3 in F minor)
2.00 Youth Orchestras of the World: The Norwegian Youth Chamber Orchestra performs Grieg (Holberg Suite); Atterberg (Suite No 3); Nielsen (Little Suite); Grieg (Elegiac Melodies); Penderecki (Viola Concerto)
3.40 Tasti Spezzati: In Renaissance Italy, keyboard instruments were sometimes equipped with extra keys. On a harpsichord of this type, Christopher Stembridge plays pieces by Frescobaldi and by Neapolitan composers including Gesualdo, Mayone and Trabaci (r)
4.30 Krishna and the Milkmaids: Richard Widdess presents music from the festival of Holi in the town of Vrindaban, birthplace of the god Krishna (r)
5.00 In Tune: Richard Baker presents music, news and arts reports
7.30 The BBC Orchestras: The BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra under Alexander Gibson with Tabea Zimmerman (viola) performs Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Walton (Viola Concerto); Weir (Music, Untangled); Sibelius (Symphony No 5 in E flat)
8.55 Sleepless Nights: This Woman's Work is Almost Done. A diary entry about the stresses of Laurie Graham, a mother of four
9.00 Schoenberg: Serenade, Op 24
9.35 Albinoni: A journey in search of the real Albinoni featuring his Sonatas in C minor, Op 6 No 10 and in G minor, Op 4 No 5; Bach (Fugue in A on a Theme of Albinoni); Albinoni (Sonata in C, Op 6 No 1) (r)
10.10 The BBC Orchestras: The BBC Symphony Orchestra under Andrew Davis with Rusen Gunes (viola) performs Hindemith (Trauermusik; Suite: Nobilissima Visione)
10.45 After Neruda. See Choice
11.30 Midnight Oil: Two composers with three works for four strings. Elliott Carter (String Quartets Nos 3 and 4: Arditti Quartet); Michael Torke (Chalk: Balanescu Quartet)
12.30-12.35am News
1.00-2.25am Night School (as 9am on Radio 5; except in Scotland)

CHOICE

Friday Night is Music Night. *Radio 2, 7.30pm.*
Musical highbrows may arch in disdain at a concert that offers, in the same programme, *Swan Lake*, *Variations on Three Blind Mice*, and *The Barber of Seville*. But *Friday Night is Music Night* has never been for the stern-visaged. Its declared aim during four decades, has been to put tune-loving listeners in a happy mood for the weekend. It has achieved this through a high degree of professionalism from the BBC Concert Orchestra, the soloists, and the presenters, notably Robin Boyle, who is the master of ceremonies for tonight's fortieth birthday celebration.

After Neruda. *Radio 3, 10.45pm.*
Bearing the same title as Ronald Bowden's play, from which we hear snatches, Piers Plowright's compilation captures the essence of the Chilean lyrical and political poet, Pablo Neruda. He died 12 days after Salvador Allende, the man he much admired, met his end in General Pinochet's 1973 coup. There are readings from his poetry and from his autobiography. I soon got used to the programme's somewhat disjointed structure. **Peter Davalle**

RADIO 4

5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day **6.30** Today, incl **6.30**, **7.00**, **7.30**, **8.00**, **8.30** News **6.55**, **7.55** Weather **7.25**, **8.25** Sports News **7.45** Thought for the Day **8.43** Bad Housekeeping, by Sue Limb **8.58** Weather **9.00 News**
9.05 Desert Island Discs: This week's castaway is the comedian Paul Merton (r)
9.45 Feedback with Sue Summers
10.00-10.30 East, Going West (**FM** only): First of four programmes in which Mark Tully talks to the people of South Asia
10.00 News; An Act of Worship (**LW** only)
10.15 The Bible (**LW** only): Daniel Final episode
10.30 Woman's Hour introduced by Wendy Austin from Belfast. Includes an interview with the author Molly Keane, a report on children's play facilities in Belfast and an item celebrating 50 years of Irish coffee. Incl **11.00 News**
11.30 The Natural History Programme presented by Kelvin Boot
12.00 News; You and Yours with Tasneem Siddiqi
12.25 The Food Programme with Derek Cooper is back with a new series **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One
1.40 The Archers (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Classic Serial: The Small House at Allington Anthony Trollope's novel in four parts (1/4) (r)
3.00 News; Special Assignment
3.30 A Good Read. Edward Blishen and his guests Matthew Sweeney and Jo Shapcott select three paperbacks **4.00 News**
4.05 Kaleidoscope: Louise Buck reports on the work of the acclaimed American surrealist artist Dorothea Tanning and reviews a new production of Tennessee Williams's *Cat on a Hot Tin Roof* in Birmingham
4.45 Short Story: Retired People, by Frank Tuohy (r)
5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News 6.30 Going Places: Janet Trewin and Peter Macann report on the safer car campaign
7.00 News 7.05 The Archers
7.20 Pick of the Week with Edwina Currie, MP
8.05 Any Questions? Menzies Campbell, MP; Michael Meacher, MP; Gillian Shephard, MP; and Elizabeth Symons, general secretary of the Association of First Division Civil Servants tackle the issues raised in Colchester
8.50 Stop Press with John Diamond
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Three first-timers take part in the Edinburgh Fringe (r)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lustig
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Strange Loyalties, by William McIlvanney. Read by Tom Watson (5/10)
11.00 Week Ending: Comedy with Sally Grace, Jeffrey Holland, Toby Longworth and Susie Brann
11.25 The Financial Week
11.45 Echoes in the Chamber: Peter Hill, the BBC's former parliamentary correspondent, looks back over 15 years of broadcasting from Westminster (r)
12.00-12.43am News, incl **12.27** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast **12.43** As World Service (**LW** only)

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SATELLITE

SKY ONE

6.00am The DJ Kat Show (78818250) **8.40** Lamb Chops Play-a-long (2153095) **9.00** Cartoons (68569) **9.30** The Pyramid Game (88811) **10.00** Card Sharks (6861811) **10.25** Concentration (3790705) **10.50** Dynamo Duck (9950250) **11.00** Sally Jessy Raphael (73540) **12.00** E Street (48705) **12.30pm** Three's Company (99927) **1.00** Barnaby Jones (67182) **2.00** Roots The Next Generation (7563298) **2.55** Another World (5457811) **3.45** The DJ Kat Show (5596778) **5.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (5453) **6.00** Games World (2095) **6.30** E Street (3347) **7.00** Rescue (6182) **7.30** Full House (2231) **8.00** World Wrestling Federation Mania (13521) **9.00** Code 3 (77231) **9.30** Crime International (79163) **10.00** Star Trek: The Next Generation (77704) **11.00-12.00** The Streets of San Francisco (61705)

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
6.00am Sky News Sunrise Europe (2703298) **9.30** ABC Nightline (40415) **10.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (22521) **11.30** Japan Business Today (35873) **12.30pm** News and Business Report (33637) **1.30** CBS This Morning (34366) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (73892) **3.30** ABC Nightline (60279) **4.30** News and Business Report (9144) **5.00** Live at Five (760328) **7.30** Environmental Programme (4683) **8.00** Sky World News Hour (31637) **9.30** Talkback (69569) **11.30** CBS Evening News (40095) **12.30am** ABC World News (70854) **1.30** Environmental Programme (49767) **2.30** Memories of 1970-1991 (46729) **3.30** Talkback (41274) **4.30** Beyond 2000 (69019) **5.30-6.00** CBS Evening News (65212)

SKY MOVIES

6.00am Showcase (8669786)
10.00 Original Intent (1990): Drama with Jay Richardson as a corporate lawyer who decides to help the poor (60415)
12.00 Silent Night, Lonely Night (1969): Romance about a pair of lonely, middle-aged singles. With Lloyd Bridges and Shirley Jones (29231)
2.00pm Disaster on the Coastliner (1979): A vengeful former railroad employee orchestrates a high-speed train crash. With Lloyd Bridges (27724)
4.00 Run Wild, Run Free (1969). Children's story about a mute boy who befriends a handsome white colt. With John Mills and Sylvia Sims (7057)
6.00 Original Intent (as 10am) (33360)
8.00 Pure Luck (1991): An accountant and a private investigator are thrown together. With Martin Short and Danny Glover (44794540)
9.40 US Top Ten (640705)
10.00 Freddy's Dead: The Final Nightmare (1991): Horror with Robert Englund as the grisly anti-hero (76298)
11.30 Scarface (1983): Brian DePalma's gangster film with Al Pacino (45563144)
2.15am Walking Tall Part 2: Vengeance Trail (1975): Bo Svenson plays a bitter man who goes on the rampage after his wife's murder (845125)
4.00 Fatal Love (1992): A woman contracts Aids after a one-night stand. With Molly Ringwald (57835) Ends at **5.30**

SKY MOVIES GOLD

6.00pm Angels with Dirty Faces (1938). Two boyhood friends pursue widely different careers, one as a priest, the other as a gangster. With James Cagney and Pat O'Brien (98250)
8.00 Lawman (1971): Burt Lancaster plays a sheriff who chases a group of wanted men into a hostile town (12845)
10.00 Flashdance (1983): Adrian Lyne's musical drama. With Jennifer Beals (615328). Ends at **11.35**

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

6.00am Around the World in 80 Days Animated retelling of Jules Verne's adventure (17057)
7.00 Treasure Island Cartoon version of the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson (57724)
8.00 The Adventures of Milo and Otis (1989). Japanese children's film about a dog and a cat (59238927)
9.35 Judgment at Nuremberg (1961): Oscar-winning drama about Nazis on trial. With Spencer Tracy (51397160)
12.35pm Hostile Witness (1968). A judge suffers a nervous breakdown. Starring and directed by Ray Milland (57056231)
2.20 Fire in the Dark (1991): An elderly woman (Olympia Dukakis) finds it difficult to accept her advancing years (394415)
4.00 The Adventures of Milo and Otis (as 8am) (86054329)
5.35 Special Feature: Steve Martin. A profile of the American comic (145427)
6.00 And You Thought Your Parents Were Weird (1992): Family comedy about a possessed robot (55582)
8.00 Crazy in Love (1992): A seemingly happy wife falls for a young photographer. With Holly Hunter and Julian Sands. Directed by Martha Coolidge (17347)
10.00 High Heels (1991): Pedro Almodovar's melodrama about a mother, her daughter and their mutual love. With Victoria Abril and Marisa Paredes (84521)
12.00 Demonic Toys (1991). Five adults are stalked by ruthless toys in this horror (93800)
1.30am Everybody Wins (1990): Arthur Miller-scripted drama about a private eye (Nick Nolte) investigating the murder of a prostitute (Debra Winger). Directed by Karel Reisz (935039)
3.10 Memories of Midnight (1991): An amnesiac woman forges a brilliant career until unwelcome memories begin to come back to her. With Jane Seymour and Omar Sharif (851106). Ends at **4.45**

SKY SPORTS

7.00am Soccer News (9676565) **7.15** Prime Bodies (680250) **7.45** Drag Racing Today (689521) **8.15** Soccer News (9335057) **8.30** ATP Tennis (27811) **9.00** Prime Bodies (18163) **9.30** Watersports (91163) **10.30** Boots 'n' All (80569) **11.30** Motorsport (86521) **12.30pm** Australian Rules Football (51057) **1.30** Gillette World Sports Special (48692) **2.00** Snooker (829705) **5.00** Boot Room (7453) **6.00** Sky Soccer Weekend (57540) **7.00** The Big League (324540) **9.30** French Football League (36057) **10.00** Snooker (24163) **12.00** Sky Soccer Weekend (92941) **1.00-2.00am** The Footballers' Football Show On The Road (44038)

EUROSPORT

6.00am Live Davis Cup Tennis (1258057) **12.00** Formula One (53724) **1.00pm** Football. 1994 World Cup Qualifiers (99163) **2.30** Tennis: The Davis Cup (815502) **5.30** Formula One (48618) **6.30** Eurosport News (6665) **7.00** Honda International Motor Sports Report (64279) **8.00** Car Racing (9298) **8.30** American Football (8705) **9.00** Golf: The Ryder Cup (43786) **11.00** Tennis: The Davis Cup (67279) **12.30-1.00am** Eurosport News (72098)

UK GOLD

7.00am GP (8215569) **7.30** Neighbours (8294076) **8.00** Sons and Daughters (1930908) **8.30** EastEnders (1939279) **9.00** The Bill (1913231) **9.30** All Creatures Great and Small (1240076) **10.30** Casualty (2204076) **11.30** Rhoda (8562273) **12.00** Sons and Daughters (1933095) **12.30pm** Neighbours (2635095) **1.00** EastEnders (8207540) **1.30** The Bill (2634366) **2.00** Are You Being Served? (5869908) **2.30** Bread (8508182) **3.00** Dallas (9994539) **4.00** Dynasty (5217106) **5.00** Blankety Blank (5843960) **5.30** Give Us A Clue (6519298) **6.00** Neighbours (8509811) **6.30** EastEnders (8590163) **7.00** All Creatures Great and Small (3304502) **8.00** Are You Being Served? (5849144) **8.30** Bread (5868279) **9.00** Casualty (3300786) **10.00 The Bill** (1934724) **10.30** Rory Bremner (1910144) **11.00** Top Of The Pops (5479298) **12.00** Dr Who (8010380) **12.30-2.10am** Film: Nothing But The Night (1975): Horror about child killers. With Christopher Lee (3534816)

THE CHILDREN'S CHANNEL

6.00am Rathkan II (375569) **9.00** Jack In The Box (45892) **11.00** Stories Without Words (77279) **11.30** Say Ahhh! (78908) **12.00** Fame (31958) **1.00pm** Jack In The Box (56908) **3.00** The Adventures of Teddy Ruxpin (3415) **3.30** Rathkan II (8637) **4.00** Stunt Dawgs (7144) **4.30-5.00** The Girl From Tomorrow (13) (3328)

NICKELODEON

7.00am Dawn Patrol (23569) **7.30** Guts (77796) **8.00** Kid's Court (26182) **8.30** Wild Side Show (25453) **9.00** We All Have Tales (16705) **9.30** Special Delivery (43347) **10.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (85811) **10.30** The World of David The Gnome (12989) **11.00** Sharon, Lois and Bram's Elephant Show (28989) **11.30** Eureeka's Castle (84163) **12.30pm** We All Have Tales (47163) **1.00** The World of David the Gnome (15540) **1.30** Wisdom of the Gnomes (46434) **2.00** Janosch's Dreamhour (2909) **2.30** Special Delivery (1908) **3.00** Kablooey (23434) **4.00** Weinerville (5960) **4.30** Hey Dude (1144) **5.00** Clarissa Explains It All (6960) **5.30** Welcome Freshmen (5724) **6.00** Guts (2637) **6.30-7.00** Get The Picture (3989)

DISCOVERY

4.00pm Nature by Profession (70171881) **5.00** Sunsweet California Prunes Adventure Hour (5860637) **6.00** Beyond 2000 (6726279) **6.50** Anne Martin's Postcards (3375144) **7.00** Wild Sanctuaries (5861366) **7.30** The Global Family (8594989) **8.00** The Passion of Spain (7649273) **8.50** Sports of the World (4022327) **9.05** Biography (2379304) **10.00** Flies (1932366) **10.30** The Story of Rock 'n' Roll (1918786) **11.00-12.00** Hollywood (8282231)

BRAVO

12.00 Great Works (6999873) **12.35pm** Film: Some Came Running (1958): A writer returns from the war. With Frank Sinatra (95743908) **3.00** Bonanza (2162237) **4.00** The "New" Honeymooners (8584502) **4.30** I Spy (1598366) **5.30** Honey West (8504366) **6.00** The Dons Day Show (6501279) **6.30** The Star and the Story (8585231) **7.00** The Mothers-In-Law (5858892) **7.30** The Smothers Brothers Show (8581415) **8.00** Film: Frieda (1947): The German wife of an RAF officer encounters prejudice. With Mai Zetterling (92600705) **9.45** Robert Benchley (4039434) **10.00** Film: Mister Ten Per Cent (1967): An amateur author writes a play which is snapped up by a scam artist in this Charlie Drake comedy (8036328) **11.30-12.00** The Review (1401057)

UK LIVING

7.00am Jayne and Friends (8657434) **8.00** Fame, Fortune and Romance (1705786) **8.30** Living Dayfights (1704057) **9.00** Divorce Court (1738637) **9.30** Hot Topics (7358786) **10.00** Fighting Back With Lyn Redgrave (4780298) **10.30** Living Extra (1717521) **11.00** Room For Change (3436347) **11.30** John Tovey's Entertaining On A Plate (3437076) **12.00** Practical Living (2390298) **12.15pm** Kilroy (9150163) **1.00** Crosswits (4398250) **1.30** Infatuation (7351873) **2.00** Days of Our Lives (4781927) **3.00** Agony Hour (3431892) **4.00** Crosswits (5379732) **4.30** Infatuation (9979796) **5.00** Jayne and Friends (7182231) **6.00** Health: The Full Treatment (4129499) **6.30** Floyd On Food (4929291) **7.00** Agony Hour (6827637) **8.00** The Young and the Restless (6803057) **9.00** Movie: An Early Frost (1985): A father learns that his son has Aids (6806144) **11.00** Divorce Court (3428328) **11.30** On The Air With Dr Ruth (4779182) **12.00-1.00** Days of Our Lives (8637670)

FAMILY CHANNEL

5.00am Danger Bay (8960) **5.30** Wonder Years (7908) **6.00** Big Brother Jake (7521) **6.30** Catchphrase (8873) **7.00** Trivial Pursuit (8724) **7.30** All Clued Up (4057) **8.00** Snowy River: The McGregor Saga (12863) **9.00** Film: The Gifted One. A healer and mind-reader goes in search of his mother (56144) **10.30** The Mary Tyler Moore Show (55618) **11.00** The Bob Newhart Series (52960) **11.30** Newhart (64927) **12.00-1.00am** Lou Grant (32583)

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Sydney given nod of approval over Peking for staging of 2000 Games

Olympic movement puts faith in sport



Scott: disappointed

FROM DAVID MILLER IN MONTE CARLO

AGAINST predominant prediction, the International Olympic Committee (IOC) voted for sport and not for politics. The election of Sydney as the host city for the millenium Olympic Games of 2000 was welcome confirmation that the world's most important sports body is still conscious that its allegiance is first to sport and only secondly to assisting the development of nations.

By a mere two votes, 45 to 43, Sydney edged home in the final fourth round when the candidates had been reduced from five to two. As I forecast, the Manchester-Sydney vote amalgamated, with eight of Manchester's 11 votes going to Sydney and only three to Peking, enabling Sydney to leapfrog over the Chinese candidate it had trailed for the first three rounds. Although Manchester reached the last three as expected, Istanbul going out first and Berlin second, Manchester's total of 13 votes in the second round and only 11 in the third is dispiriting for Bob Scott, the Manchester leader, after more than seven years of attempting to win the honour for Britain.

It is disappointing too for John Major, the prime minister, who had made a rousing speech in Manchester's final presentation, impressing the IOC with his commitment. Yet final presentations have never been conclusive, primarily no more than a confirmation of virtues already established.

The result also demonstrated that the powerbrokers of the IOC, such as Havelange, the Brazilian president of Fifa, Nebiolo, the Italian president of athletics, Vazquez Rana, the Mexican president of all national Olympic committees, and Ganga, the Congolese president of African Olympic committees, were able to exercise less influence behind Peking than had been expected.

All the evidence last night — and it takes weeks or months fully to analyse the ramifications behind the voting pattern — was that the IOC went strongly for Sydney's consistent line, amply demonstrated throughout their bid and in their construction of facilities, that these will be the Games of the athletes.

Frankly, a lot of bunk has been written in recent weeks about the IOC being manipulated either by Samaranch, its president, or by political considerations. There was some evidence that, in preferring Sydney to Peking, the members were voting for security as well as the interests of the athletes, but there was no discussion among the members, following the candidates' presentations, of the issue of Peking's alleged boycott that had filled the news during last weekend.

HOW THE VOTES WERE CAST

Round	1	2	3	4
Sydney	30	30	37	45
Peking	32	37	40	43
Manchester	11	13	11	
Berlin	9	9		
Istanbul	7			

Jacques Rogge, the Belgian president of European Olympic committees and a former Olympic yachtsman, said afterwards: "There was no discussion of politics or Peking's alleged intentions of a boycott, which we know they have denied. We went for the interests of the athletes. I hope Peking bid again because they deserve to have the Games.

"We had two possibilities: to carry the risks that were attached to the tremendous advantages of awarding the Games to a quarter of the world's population, or to choose security in every sense and this has prevailed."

Nebiolo said that, in his opinion, Peking, if they were to win, had needed to do so in the first couple of rounds. "Sydney are very professional and conducted their bid in an excellent manner and will stage a great Games," he said.

"The other project for some of our members was to get a great country into the arena, to push them more towards democracy. It was a political project."

Scott bore up well, as everyone would have expected of him. "There is great joy for Sydney and we must give them their moment," he said. "Sydney is a wonderful setting and they'll do it well. I have a great sense of disappointment for my team and my city but a sense of excitement for Sydney." Scott conceded that Sydney might have had the edge because of the outstanding beauty of their city and added, defensively, that they must have conducted a better campaign.

John Coates, chairman of the Australian Olympic committee, who had delivered the main thrust of Sydney's claim to be serving the interests of the athletes, said: "There must have been an acceptance that we were providing for their interests. We clearly got European support and I think particularly from eastern Europe."

Kevin Gosper, who competed in the 400 metres the last and only time the Games were staged in the southern hemisphere, at Melbourne in 1956, had been depressed during the countdown to the point of believing that Sydney might fail. "The members had a clear choice," he said. "And we got the benefit of one principle against another. Sydney and Manchester were running with the same message and I think Manchester reinforced what we were doing. We stood for the same story."

As members of the Sydney delegation celebrated, the Australian prime minister, Paul Keating, said: "Australia won tonight; that's the most important thing. This should be a great confidence-builder for us. It shows we can hack it in the big swim."

The chief executive of the Sydney bid, Rod McGeoch, added: "I'd always thought too many votes were being counted for Peking that weren't there. I think the popularity of Australia got us there."

The Peking delegation looked dumbstruck and left the auditorium without speaking.

Watson's gaffe fuels European resolve

BY MEL WEBB

TOM Watson, the United States Ryder Cup captain, did not know what a furore he was starting when he refused to sign his menu for an autograph hunter at a gala ball at The Belfry on Wednesday night.

The man he turned down was Sam Torrance, a member of the European team, and by the following morning a small and avoidable episode had turned into a full-blown diplomatic incident that was the first sour note to be sounded in this Ryder Cup week.

The dinner was attended by about 800 people, including both teams and their captains. The European team signed their menus all evening, but Watson had ordered his team not to do so. It was not long before his own words were coming back to haunt him.

In an interview in an American golf magazine in May, Watson said that his best memory of the Ryder Cup was at his first time as a victory dinner after the 1977 match at Royal Lytham and St Annes. "They always have a menu with the names of the players on it and they are all autographed," he said. "That's a nice thing to have and save from the Ryder Cup. It was a good, warm feeling."

An unforgiving Torrance, who said he was "hurt" at the time, was still not experiencing good, warm feelings the morning after. "It doesn't bear talking about," he said. "I will show you tomorrow what I think. It's just more fuel."

Watson, meanwhile, was talking at length about his decision. "It was taken wrong," he said. "One of the beautiful things about getting together with your players is to have a nice conversation at dinner. The difficult thing about signing autographs is that if we sign one, we'd sign for everybody. We would not have the chance to sit down and enjoy ourselves and enjoy being at the dinner together.

"We would be glad to sign the programmes if they collected them and gave them to us in the team room. I hope they do, because we would like to do that. I'm sorry if anyone was upset. I didn't want to have us signing autographs for the whole dinner. The other side had to do that and I don't think they enjoyed themselves as much as we did."

Bernard Gallacher, the captain of the European team, expressed his surprise at the actions of his opposite number. "I can't understand why they didn't want to do any signing," he said. "It seemed to us the right time to do it, and at every Ryder Cup I've been involved in, autographs have been signed. The dinner menu cards are mementoes for the people at the ball. In my opinion, it's much better to sign them there than to ask for them to be sent to the team room."

In the same magazine article, Watson enlarged on his attitude to autograph hunters. He was once leaving the locker room at Firestone, he said, and rushing for a plane, when a young boy approached him for an autograph.

Watson refused, and was immediately challenged and roundly taken to task by the boy's father. "I couldn't say anything to him," Watson said. "I just walked away. But he was right."

Watson said that, in that one incident, he had got his "come-uppance" about autographs. By yesterday morning he had received another.

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IAN STEWART



A packed gallery watches the Americans practise their putting on the 10th green at The Belfry yesterday

Hosts win praise from Samaranch

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

THE prize of hosting the Olympic Games in the year 2000 is the crowning point for Sydney. Australia's unofficial capital has prospered into a dynamic and aggressive centre of 3.4 million people.

Dominated by British culture and customs for the first 150 years of its life, Sydney in the last 50 years has become a melting pot of 140 nationalities as Australia blossomed as an independent nation.

Two years ago, it was a vast urban wasteland so desolate that it was used as the location for the futuristic post-nuclear disaster film, Mad Max III. Now the former brick pit and cattle yards form the centre of Sydney's hosting of the world's first "green" Olympics.

Groups such as Greenpeace hope the development of the area will serve as a prototype for urban renewal projects around the world.

The emphasis of the design of the Olympic village, part of the redevelopment of the 700-hectare site at Homebush Bay 14km from Sydney's city centre, is on energy conservation, water and sewerage recycling. The Homebush site is typical of many areas in cities around the world that have fallen into decay and the design of the site would allow people to live among relatively large areas of parklands and nature reserves.

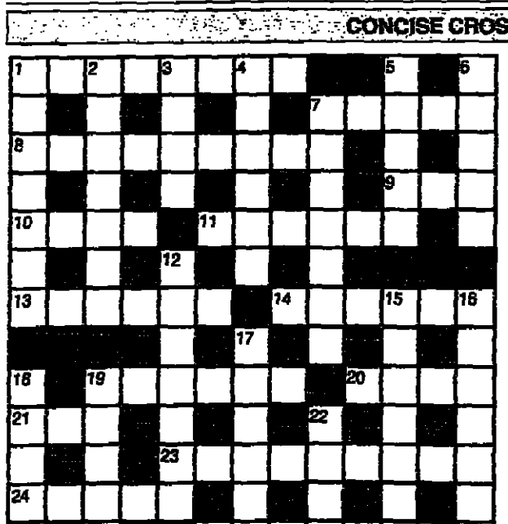
The environmental aspects of Sydney's bid won the praise of the Olympic chief, Juan Antonio Samaranch, on his visit to the site in May. Samaranch said it abided by the pledge-of-the-earth document which 184 National Olympic Committees had signed. "This Sydney Olympic Park construction plan is a perfect illustration of that engagement and also is an example for all the others."

The site is already beginning to take shape with A$300 ($196 million) being spent on the building of the aquatics centre, an athletics stadium and warm-up track. The second stage will be the construction of an 80,000-seat Olympic Stadium, a 16,000 to 20,000-seat indoor stadium, a velodrome and hockey and softball centres, along with an Olympic Village to house 15,000 athletes and officials.

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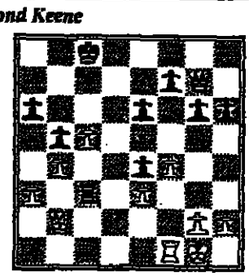
KNOWING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

This position is from the game Alekhine - Capablanca, World Championship 1927. White has caught the black rook in a nasty pin. What is the best way to exploit this?

Watch out for part three of the history of the world championship in tomorrow's Magazine, when we see Lasker and Capablanca in action.

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WORD WATCHING

By Philip Howard

BREASTSUMMER
a. A Peeping Tom
b. A main beam
c. The apple harvest

POGONOTROPHY
a. Cultivation of the beard
b. Signalling by smoke
c. Study of dier

YARWHELP
a. A warning cry
b. The runt of a bitch's litter
c. The bar-tailed godwit

GYROVAGUE
a. A whirlpool or maelstrom
b. A mendicant monk
c. Periodically forgetful

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